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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, "East Bend", a town that is rich in history, was originally known as "Banner's Store" for a merchant named Martin Banner. It is not known exactly when the name was changed, but believed to have been around the mid 1800's. The name East Bend is derived from the close proximity to the east bend of the Yadkin River.

WHEREAS, March 7, 1987 marks the One Hundredth anniversary of the incorporation of the Town of East Bend. The town was incorporated by Act of General Assembly on March 7, 1887 with a population of around 400 people. Our present population is 640 people.

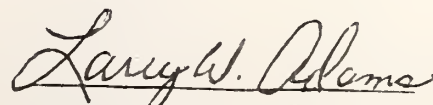
East Bend was a thriving town in the early years, it was noted for the great Academy to which people came from all areas to attend the school. The town had large buggy shops, a couple of tobacco factories, a cannery and several blacksmith shops. The town also had a hotel and "Drummer's Home" and the Benbow House was a place where men came to "learn to read medicine".

WHEREAS, appearance is evident that the town has not grown in the decades of incorporation, a lot due to the fact that the railroad was blocked from coming through Yadkin County, but this is all subject to change with the growth of Winston Salem growing in all directions.

Although the growth has been slow, we still have our heritage to be proud of. We still have the "caring about others" in our community. This is something that has vanished from the larger towns.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LARRY W. ADAMS, MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF EAST BEND for and on behalf of the Commissioners of the Town and the citizens and residents of East Bend, do HEREBY PROCLAIM the year 1987 as a year of celebration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Town of East Bend. It is our goal to make all our citizens, residents, businesses, churches, and organizations more aware of the history of "Our Town."

We shall preserve this proclamation and other selected articles for use in a celebration of other anniversaries. We shall hope that the record of history from this point on will be carried forth.


Larry W. Adams, Mayor

1887 TOWN OFFICERS

MAYOR	J. HIRAM JOHNSON
COMMISSIONERS	DR. EVAN BENBOW J. H. JENKINS JOHN A. MARTIN DR. W. E. BENBOW J. G. HUFF
CONSTABLE	J. M. WHITTINGTON

SENIOR CITIZENS

OVER NINETY YEARS OF AGE

MR. AND MRS. ED MARTIN
MRS. MELISSA TOMLINSON
MRS. ELLA SMITHERMAN

OVER EIGHTY YEARS OF AGE

MR. AND MRS. CHARLIE BEANE
MRS. LAURA CREED
MRS. KATE DAVIS
MR. TRAVIS HALL
MR. AND MRS. FRANCIS HUTCHENS
MRS. MABEL HUTCHENS
MR. CHARLIE JOHNSON
MRS. RUBY KARDARAS
MRS. ANNA MAE KIRK
MRS. ANNIE LEE LEWIS
MS. RUBY MATTHEWS
MISS ATHA NORMAN
MISS HATTIE POINDEXTER
MRS. LOLA RING
MISS NELL RING
MISS PEARL RING
MISS GERTRUDE SMITHERMAN
MR. LAURENCE TODD
MRS. RUTH TOMLINSON

THIS BOOK WAS COMPILED FROM ARTICLES AND PICTURES GIVEN TO THE CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE BY VARIOUS CITIZENS OF THE COMMUNITY.

MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HAD A PART IN SUPPLYING THE ARTICLES AND PICTURES. A SPECIAL APPRECIATION TO: MRS. MARGARET PICKETT MRS. LOUISE POINDEXTER, AND MRS. CAROLYN SMITHERMAN FOR THE LONG HOURS AND HARD WORK IN GETTING THIS BOOK TOGETHER.

THE WISH OF THE COMMITTEE IS THAT YOU WILL HAVE A GREATER KNOWLEDGE OF THE HISTORY OF EAST BEND AND WILL ENJOY THE ARTICLES AS MUCH AS WE HAVE.

JUDY PAINTER, CO-ORDINATOR
LARRY ADAMS, MAYOR



MARTIN LUTHER BANNER HOUSE
FIRST HOME IN EAST BEND

Martin Luther Banner and
Mary Ogburn had ten children:

Virginia Banner
Napoleon Banner
William Banner
Oliver Banner
Columbus Banner
Newton Banner
Luther Banner
Martin Banner
Mary Banner
Missouri Banner

FROM A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE
WRITTEN BY MATTIE SUE HALL:

"When Grandmother Johnson (Mattie Johnson) who established the Yadkin Ripple was born (1833) Yadkin was then Surry. East Bend was known as Banner's Store for Mr. Martin Banner. This Mr. Banner later moved to the western part of the state, and if I'm not mistaken, he is the one for whom Banner Elk was named. Mr. Banner lived in the house that now stands back of the Charlie Smitherman house."



EAST BEND METHODIST CHURCH

Churches

EAST BEND FRIENDS MEETING



EAST BEND BAPTIST CHURCH



YADKIN COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION



TO BE HELD IN
Methodist Church at East Bend, N. C.
AUGUST 5-7, 1904

3:00—Still Greater Effort, or Why We Have Met,
Mr. J. M. BROUGHTON of Raleigh, N. C.

3:30—Round Table—What are the Needs of My School—(Members of this Convention are expected to take part.)



MR. J. M. BROUGHTON,
Raleigh, N. C.

Evening Session

8:30—Song Service.
8:40—Prayer, . . . REV. WADE H. ADAMS
9:45—Address, HON. B. R. LACY, President
North Carolina Sunday School Association.
9:15—The Organized Work—How It Helps the
Local School, MR. J. M. BROUGHTON,
Raleigh, N. C.

SATURDAY

Morning Session

9:00—Conference of Township Officers.
9:30—Song Service.
9:40—Prayer, . . . REV. C. M. WARDEN
9:15—The Best Things and How to Use Them,
10:15—Round Table—The Sunday School Teacher, Led by REV. J. WALTER LONG

FRIDAY

Morning Session

11:00—Devotional Exercises, MR. J. H. SAILOR
11:10—A Genuine East Bend Welcome,
DR. M. L. MATTHEWS
11:15—Response, . . . MR. A. J. MARTIN
11:20—Appointment of Committees.
11:30—Annual Sermon, . . . REV. B. W. MEBANE



PROF. Z. H. DIXON, Yadkinville, N. C.

Afternoon Session

2:00—Song Service.
2:10—Prayer, . . . REV. D. E. SAMPSON
2:15—Greeting from Surry Co. S. S. Association,
PROF. J. H. ALLEN
2:30—My Impressions of Sunday School Work
in America, REV. Z. HINOHARA of Japan



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10:45—The Teaching Problem, . . . HON. B. R. LACY
11:00—The Teacher's Preparation and Work, . . . MR. J. M. BROUGHTON

Afternoon Session

2:00—Song Service.
2:10—Prayer, . . . REV. S. TAYLOR
2:15—Echoes from the World's Sunday School
Convention, PROF. W. M. CUNDIFF
2:45—What Definite Steps May We Take to
Promote the Temperance Work,
Led by REV. J. J. BEACH
3:15—Reports of Committees.
Business.



HON. B. R. LACY,
President North Carolina Sunday School
Association.

Evening Session

8:30—Concert—(See Concert Program.)

SUNDAY

Morning Session

9:30—Song Service.
10:00—Lesson Taught for August 7, 1904, . . . MR. J. M. BROUGHTON of Raleigh
Last April in Palestine, . . . PROF. W. M. CUNDIFF

HISTORY OF EAST BEND FRIENDS MEETING 1882 - 1987

About the middle of the 18th Century a group of people from Guilford County came into Yadkin County. They were a religious sect and called themselves Friends (Quakers). Their purpose was to establish Quakerism, and further the Kingdom of God in the county.

Included in this group were David Sampson and his wife, Sallie, and Nathan Hale. The following family names joined them in beginning a Monthly Meeting in East Bend: Benbow, Felts, Head, Hinsdale, Hunt, Kirk, Kirkman, Needham, Spillman, Ring and Williams. Their first meetings were held in homes.

David Sampson and Nathan Hale held a revival meeting in Pirk Smitherman's shop. Many were converted. This group became a preparative meeting under Deep Creek Meeting and David Sampson became the pastor for several years.

This meeting was established a Monthly Meeting by Yadkin Valley Quarterly Meeting in 1882. The founding of the East Bend Friends Meeting was due largely the work of David and Sallie Sampson, who gave the land for the church. J. Franklin Williams gave the timber and the community gathered in and built the meeting house.

The first building was a wooden structure with two front doors, one on either side and no porch. The classrooms were enclosed with curtains hung on wires, in each corner of the building. It had two pot-bellied stoves, one on each side of the room, with pipes running together at the center and out the top. A pump organ furnished our music.

Today it is the original structure but bricked, remodeled, renovated, with a foyer and porch added, also an assembly room, classrooms, library and other modern facilities.

The assembly room has been refurnished by Sadie Hunt in memory of her husband, Clifford Hunt. The library was furnished from memorials to Mary Hobson. Several books were memorials to Bettie Blakley. The foyer was furnished by Margaret Coram in memory of her husband, Tommie Coram.

The following are some later members who joined our meeting: Blakley, Bean, Coram, Davis, Hauser, Hansen, Holder, Hobson, Hutchens, Hennings, Harrell, Joyner, Norman, Overby, Patterson, Poindexter, Presnell, Stanley, Trulove, Tomlinson, Whittington, Wilhelm, Vogler, Gentry, Barnes, Lane, Johnson, Marler, Jones, Adams and others.

The following have served our meeting as ministers and served it well: Annie Edgerton (Williams), Elizabeth Moon, Zeno Dixon, Perchie Key, Wade H. Adams, J. Waldo Woody, Charles H. Hutchens, Harrison Hinshaw, Luther McPherson, Hewey Parrish, Joe Moorefield, John Burd, Norm K. Barnes, Randy G. Johnson (present pastor).

A Women's Missionary Society was organized in 1940 and is still active. Our church membership is 84. Our average Sunday School attendance is 52. Our church officers are as follows:

S.S. Superintendent	Robert Gray Hunt
Asst. Superintendent	Denny Myers
Treasurer	Josephine Hobson
Clerk of Monthly Meeting	Joseph Hunt
Recording Clerk	Josephine Hobson

In 1969 we built a brick parsonage on Flint Hill Road. The land was donated by Monroe and Susie Beane. We have a beautiful cemetery across the highway on a hill. The original land was donated by Ivry Beane.

This history would not be complete without paying tribute and honor to the memory of some of the dedicated leaders for whom the bells have tolled: Ann Mendenhall Benbow, Lewis Norman, R. Y. Kirkman, Leona and Zeno Hutchens, Charlie Joyner, Pearson Williams, Franklin and Lou Williams, Lela Welch, Bertha H. Hauser, Gurney Hobson, Etta Patterson Horn, Jim Whittington, Gurney Hutchens, Virginia and Clint Norman, Eunice Kirk, Holmes and Earle Williams, Eula Kirk, Clifford Hunt, Tommie Coram and Sylvia Creed.

WE ARE PROUD OF QUAKER HERITAGE and our prayer would be that the oncoming generation would be as faithful as our forefathers.



East Bend was established as a Monthly Meeting by Yadkin Quarterly Meeting in 1882. Family names of the early members were Bean, Coram, Davis, Hunt, Head, Holder, Hansen, Hobson, Henning, Harrell, Joyner, Kirkman, Wooten, Kelly, Logan, Norman, Overby, Patterson, Poindexter, Presnell, Ring, Spillman, Stanley, Truelove, Vogler, and Williams. Many others have since added their strength to the Meeting.

The founding of East Bend Meeting was due largely to the dedicated work of David and Sally Sampson, who donated the land. J. Franklin Williams gave the timber for the building, and the men of the community gathered in and built the Meeting House.

John D. Williams of the East Bend community was a practicing physician in the New Garden community for many years. Annie Edgerton Williams, his wife, served as a Friends missionary in India. The East Bend Meeting has furnished many outstanding leaders for many communities during its 90 years of service.

In recent years the building has been extensively remodeled and renovated, with the addition of class rooms and other facilities, so that it is now a very attractive place of worship.

The membership has increased, along with attendance at Sunday School and meetings for worship.

EAST BEND BAPTIST CHURCH

1848 to 1987

Three miles west of East Bend on the plantation of Thomas Hall III, under a brush arbor, a camp meeting was being held. People came in their covered wagons, on horseback and in buggies from Davidson, Forsyth, Stokes and Surry Counties to hear the messages of God's servant, to sing the old hymns and rejoice in the Lord! Out of this camp meeting was born Mount Gilead Baptist Church, Saturday before the third Sunday in December 1847. This church had a charter membership of thirteen.

In January 1848, the church was constituted by Elder A. Roby and William G. Brown. The two deacons ordained were Thomas H. Poindexter and Jeremiah Glenn. The first pastor appointed was Denson A. Poindexter on January 22, 1848.

The winter meetings were held in a tenants house which was a log cabin near the arbor.

In June 1850, Thomas H. Hall offered to donate some land near the camp meeting site for the purpose of building a church building. It was decided later that year by a large majority that the church house was to be built in East Bend. Which was completed in August of 1851. This being a log building, it was located behind the present church building. We are told that it burned December 8, 1883.

In May 1882, a new one room frame structure was built with a belfry.

In June 1885, on the motion of J. H. Jenkins the name of Mount Gilead Baptist Church was changed to East Bend Baptist Church.

During the next sixty years several pastors served the church at very low salaries. Preaching services were held one Sunday each month, business meetings on the Saturday afternoon before.

In April 1945, the church voted to build a new building rather than remodel the old one. A committee was appointed to raise funds and plans were made to build a sanctuary with adjoining educational plant.

The old building was rolled aside and services were held in it while the new building was being constructed.

During the period of construction, the church voted to enter a field with Enon Baptist Church and to call a full time pastor to serve the two churches. The first Sunday School and worship services in the new church building were held March 29, 1953.

In January 1956 the church called its first full-time pastor. In June of 1956 Mr and Mrs R. E. Burchette gave the church a lot adjoining the church property for building a home for its' pastor. In 1957 the construction was begun. The Pastorium was completed in 1959.

In 1966 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burchette gave the lot north of the Pastorium to the church for recreation purposes.

During these years the church has striven to keep abreast of teaching and training methods, always trying to emphasize evangelism and missions at home while cooperation in associational, State and conventional efforts.

Materials improvement include a well equipped Media center, modern heating and cooling. Also pew cushions, painting, carpeting, paving, plus a substantial trust fund for the cemetery upkeep.

Many thanks to former pastors, officers, and members who have contributed so willingly and faithfully of their love and service.

All praise to our Heavenly Father who has so lovingly and mercifully watched over the church. May our church ever be a haven to the faithful and a lighthouse to the lost and weary in our community.

By: Louise D. Poindexter

January 1987

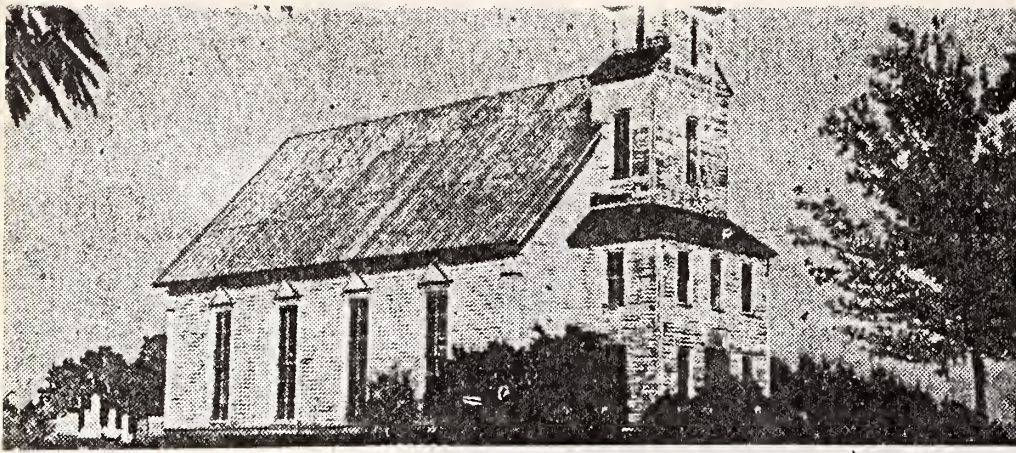




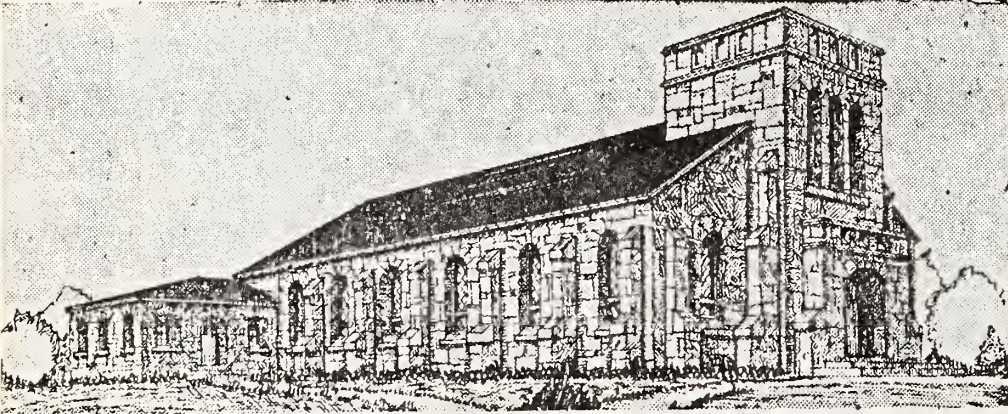
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1847

We The undersigned Presbytery
 Being Requested By The Baptist
 Church in conference at Reeds, M.H.
 The Saturday Before The Third
 Sunday in Dec 1847 do certify that
 The above named would have
 entered in the above written covenant
 also the articles of faith &c Have
 become a constituted Church of
 Christ by the name of Mount Gilead
 entitled to all the privileges and
 immunities of the Church of Christ
 Surey or MC This the 9th Jan 1847
 A. Raby
 Wm. G. Brown



East Bend Baptist Church



Architect's drawing of the proposed East Bend Church



HOME-COMING AT EAST BEND NOTABLE EVENT

New Church Planned

Home-coming at East Bend Baptist church last Sunday proved a notable event, as former members and members from other sections came back home to renew acquaintances and take part in the all-day activities. It was a centennial celebration for the venerable church.

Great interest was shown in the proposed new structure to replace the present outmoded building.

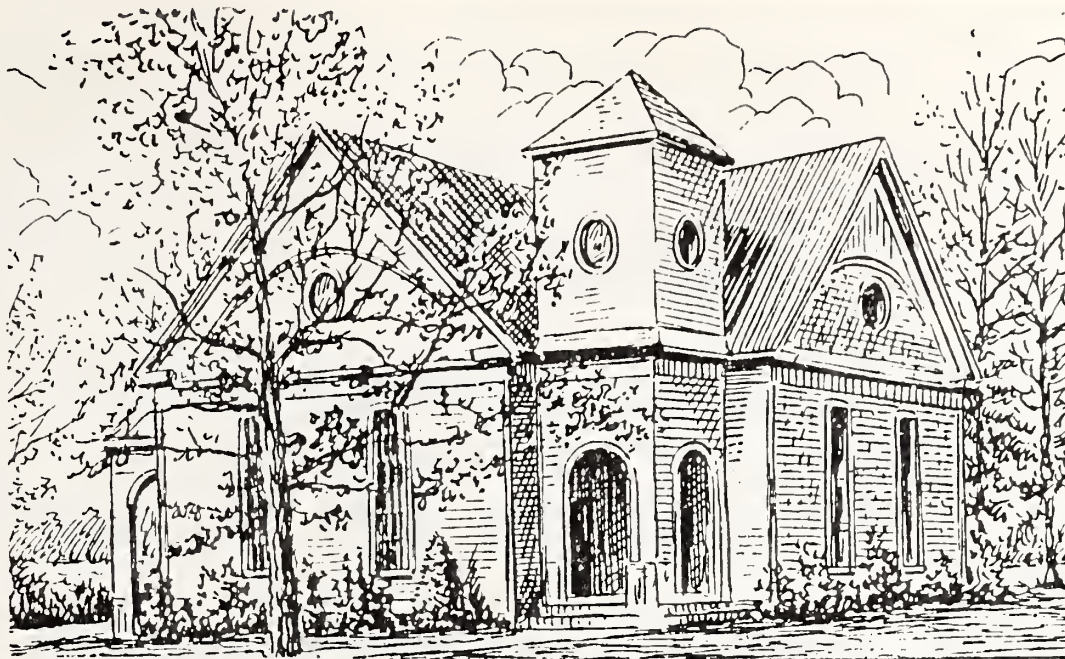
Rev. T. S. Draughn, pastor, delivered the regular sermon at 11 a.m. Dinner was served on the grounds, and in the afternoon quartet singing was heard.

The present frame church structure was built in 1883. It is the second building since the church was founded in 1847. In December, 1847, the Mount Gilead Baptist church was formed with 13 members in a meeting at the Thomas Hall III plantation, three miles west of what is now East Bend. Charter members of that church were Jeremiah Glenn, Mary Glenn, Denson A. Poindexter, Thomas H. Poindexter, Mrs. Sarah Poindexter, Frederick Myers, Mrs. Pherala Myers, John Lane, Rachel Matthews, Lucy Smitherman, Rebecca Smitherman, Mary McKinnon and Mary Trulove.

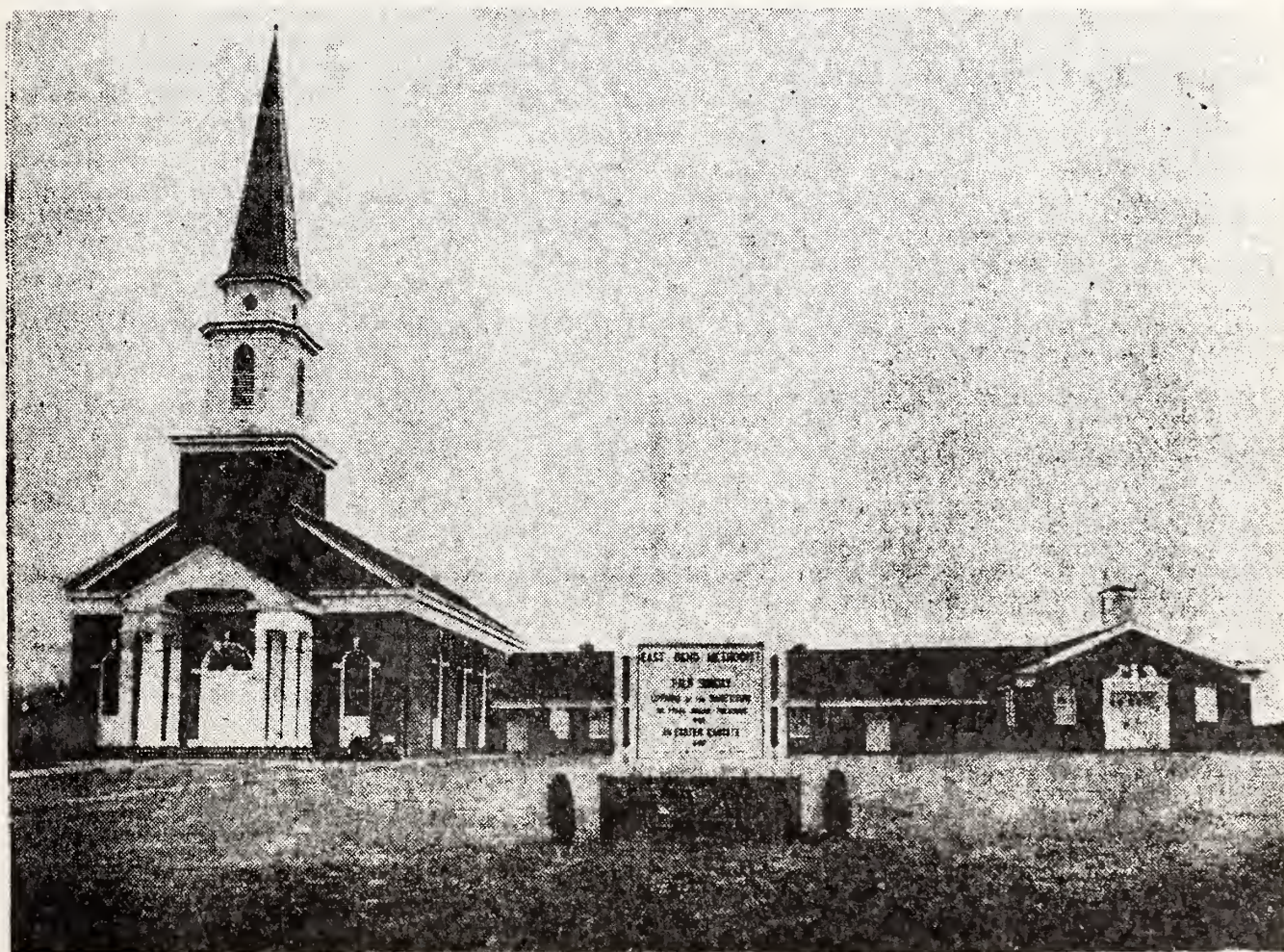
At that time East Bend was known as Banner's Store Cross Roads. In December, 1851, the church membership decided to build a church at the Cross Roads. In September the following year the first meeting was held in the new church.

Records show that services have been held continuously except for a period during the Civil War when there was such disorganization on all fronts that church services were suspended.

The proposed new building will be valued at approximately \$25,000. The actual cost of construction will likely not be that high because a great many of the members will give of their labor and



East Bend Methodist Church
 Founded 1894



Staff Photo by Jim Keith

This is the new sanctuary (left) and education building for East Bend Methodist Church.

EAST BEND METHODIST CHURCH
1893-1986

Plans for the establishment of a Methodist church in East Bend were made in November of 1893 following a revival which the Reverend M.C. Fields had been invited to hold in the "Borrowed" Friends church.

Following this meeting, plans began immediately to organize a church here. Mr. John G. Huff was chosen architect and builder.

A building site, (approximately) one block of North Main Street, was purchased from Mrs. Mattie H. Smitherman and Mrs. Mannie H. Huff, for the sum of seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars. Mr. John A. Martin had offered to donate a lot on Main Street, or one hundred dollars (\$100.00). His cash was accepted.

People were contacted and soon much cash, materials and labor were donated and the church was on its way!

Early in 1894 the East Bend Methodist Episcopal church South was received into the Methodist conference and placed on the Yadkinville charge with the Reverend M.C. Fields as first pastor.

Charter Members received from Macedonia Methodist church were Frank and Frances Apperson, Grace Apperson, Harrison Felts, M.C. Felts, Myrtle Felts, Julia Homes, Ellen P. Huff, J.G. Huff, Lemuel G. Huff, Ruth and Laura Huff, J.H. Johnson, Sou (Sue) Johnson, Anna Morse, T.A. Morse and Otis Wade.

Other charter members include Hillary and Martha Holcomb, Elizabeth Whittington, Eunice Martin, Rufus Poindexter, and Margaret C. Felts. There were others but the records have been lost.

In 1912 East Bend was placed on the Rural Hall charge (Forsyth County) where we remained for the next eleven years.

In 1924 we were returned to the Yadkinville charge and remained there until 1939.

When the three branches of Methodism merged, the East Bend charge was organized composed of five churches; Baltimore, East Bend, Macedonia, Stony Knoll, and Union Hill.

A parsonage was purchased located in East Bend with the Rev. G.A. Hovis' family the first occupants.

Rev. Hovis remained with us for five years and in that time left not only spiritual blessings, but a lasting memorial in almost single-handedly remodeling the interior of the church making classrooms out of the ells, lowering the ceilings, etc.

There had been no changes to the original exterior except a lowered spire which had been struck by lightning twice soon after construction. In the beginning it could be seen over much of the countryside.

1954 marked a period of active interest in a new structure as we were outgrowing the old one.

Very early in the first term of the Rev. Oscar E. Merritt, Dr. and Mrs. Tom Benbow deeded a very valuable tract of land in the eastern part of town on Highway 67 in memory of his parents, Dr. W.E. and Martha P. Benbow provided that plans got under way at once for a new church building.

Ground was broken October 1956 for an Educational plant, the first phase.

This was dedicated in 1959.

Ground was broken for the second phase (a sanctuary with balcony and prayer room, a ladies parlor and library) in 1962 and dedicated on October 22, 1972. The debt was paid two years before due date.

Members of the Building Committee for both phases of the program were the same namely: Chm.- Bernard Matthews, C. B. Huff, Nannie Huff, Betty Benbow, Hattie Poindexter, Kenneth Martin, Joe C. Matthews.

In 1961 Dr. Benbow Whittington donated a tract of land (approximately 45 feet frontage) to the East which enabled the drive way to be widened.

A modern brick parsonage was built by the churches on the charge. This was erected on a lovely wooded lot donated by Mr. & Mrs. John Huff. He is a grandson of the builder of the first church.

A lot, adjoining the church property and facing Highway 67, was purchased from the Tomlinson Estate in 1974.

It is to be used for future expansion as needed.

Now in 1987 plans are to construct a picnic shelter on part of this plot.

Through the years many improvements have been made to the physical plant. Also the ladies parlor-library has been completely redecorated and furnished with donations to the memory of Mrs. Nora Ward and named "The Nora Ward Library Parlor."

A pastors study in the church was equipped and decorated by donations to the memory of R.B. Matthews.

Also the Senior Citizens class room was decorated by donations to the memory of Mrs. Mamie Kirk by her daughter Mrs. Jane Matthews.

The children's department was completely and beautifully re-decorated in 1978.

A Trust Fund was established in 1983 and we have had wonderful response. There will always be a fund to take care of the physical needs of the building and grounds. This fund will be left open to add to the principle at any time only the interest will be used.

Respectfully,

Hattie Poindexter

SALVATION

Amazing Grace

GRACE

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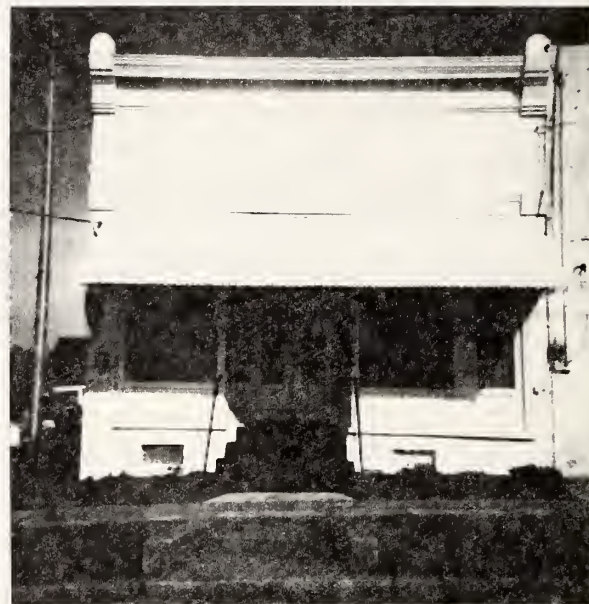
AMAZING GRACE. C. M.

JOHN NEWTON, 1725-1807

Early American Melody

1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears re - lieved;
3. Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;
4. When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shin - ing as the sun,

I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.
How pre - cious did that grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!
'Tis grace hath bro't me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we first be - gun. A-MEN.



YADKIN VALLEY BANK NOW TOWN HALL

Businesses



Azariah Horn's Store

Azariah Horn (1828-1909) was instrumental in the progress of East Bend. He was widely known as the owner of Azariah Horn's Store and the Drummer Home.

The Azariah Horn Store located on the east corner of Main St. and Flint Hill Road was built in the 1850's as it is recorded in the 1860 Census of Yadkin County. The building is two story and framing was constructed with wooden pegs and shop made nails.

Mr. Horn's general store carried merchandise to meet the needs of the people of that time and parts of the building were used for other purposes. The second floor was used as the Meeting Hall for The Odd Fellows Lodge. In 1866 the post office was located in Mr. Azariah Horn's Store, the present J. D. Smitherman Store. Again in (1874-1882) (1885-1889) when Azariah Horn was postmaster the post office was in part of the store building.

After the death of Mr. Horn the property was inherited by his children Mattie Horn Smitherman and Will N. Horn. During this time it was operated by Will N. Horn, Early Horn, J. Lee Norman, Will Warlick and Guy Horn and was called the 'Cash Store'.

In Jan. 1927 J. D. Smitherman, the grandson of Azariah Horn, purchased this property and connected it with the grocery store he had built beside it earlier in the 1920's. The store was stocked with general merchandise. Star Brand shoes, N+W overalls, work shirts, notions, hardware and tires.

The grocery store had a little ice cream parlor in it.

beginning, on the right side as you entered, where home made ice cream was served. and the shelves were stacked with canned food. Sugar, coffee, dried beans, lard and coconut was sold by the pound and weighed in the amount you wanted. Vinegar was purchased in barrels and measured out in your container.

Customers would bring chickens, eggs and butter to trade for their groceries or other merchandise. If you wanted chicken you bought it on foot and prepared it at home. Gulf Oil products were available, gas, oil and kerosene all using ^{operated} hand pumps making this a service station. Later changing to Sinclair, now Amoco that still serves the town.

In the early years of the grocery business Mr. Smitherman did his own butchering and meat cutting. Having the first walk-in cooler, using ice at that time and converting to electricity when Duke Power came to East Bend in 1929.

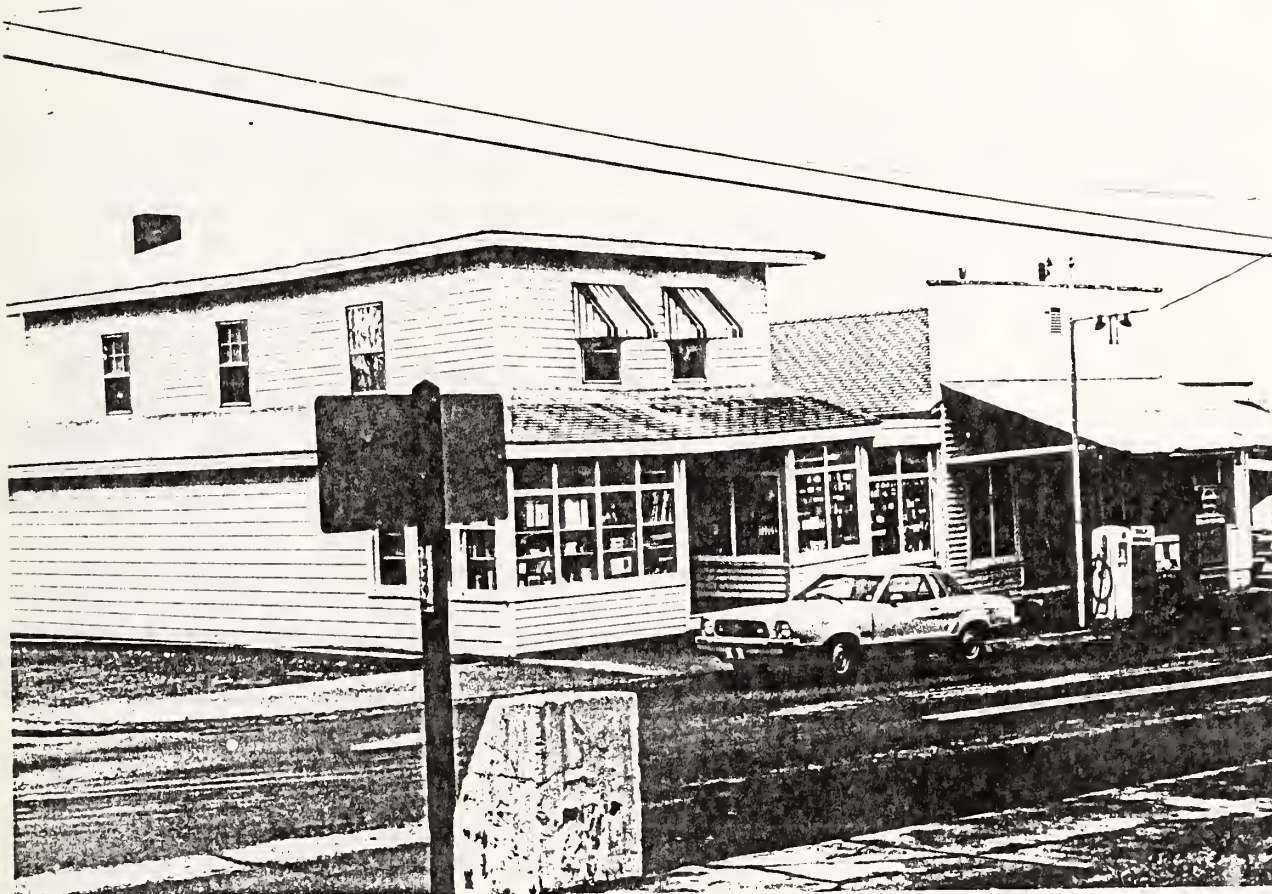
A lunch counter was built in back of grocery store across from the walk-in cooler. Hot lunches were served here for 25 years or more. This was the only place in town to get hot soup and sandwich's during much of that time.

Mr. Smitherman made transitions in the store and service station, as more conveniences were available, to meet the demands of time. Each of his daughters; Vera, James, Ruth, Pauline and Zena Mae, had the experience of working in the store.

Since the death of J. D. Smitherman in 1956 - his daughter Pauline S. Oldham continues to operate "The J. D. Smitherman Store." She has made many improvements.

This store has been owned and of service to the community for four generations.

Ruth Smitherman-Kupp
January - 1987



The original Azariah Horn Store as it appears today:
J.D. Smitherman Store - owned and operated by: Pauline Odham

BUSINESSES IN EAST BEND

1. Henry Churchill owned and operated a Tin Shop in the west end of town, near the Julius William's home. The building that housed his business still stands. Some of his tin wares were; buckets, cups, pans, funnels, strainers and gutters. He installed metal roofing on some homes using a crimper to join the sheets of metal. He was very good at making these items.
2. J. H. Hinsdale had a woodshop located on the Fairground Road. He made cabinets, posts, stools, coffins, etc. while operating the business. Rural Blakley then purchased the business, and operated a sawmill, dried and dressed lumber. He also added cabinets, stools and coffins to his list of items. Around 1915, he operated as a funeral director. In later years R. E. Burchette bought the funeral business from him.
3. There stood a large garage near the present East Bend Library. It is said, Bassil Vogler was the first owner and operator, then Fred Martin who now lives in Pilot Mountain owned it. Guion Davis purchased the garage from Mr. Martin. Byron Horn and Paul Martin worked there. Mr. Davis operated it from 1935 until 1945. It was then owned and operated by Foster Brown until his death.
4. The Bassil Vogler store stood where the East Bend Library is today, on West main Street, being a general merchandise store, Earl Norman bought it and operated it for several years. He sold out to Conrad (Hank) Joyner. Earl built a new building on 67 Bypass and operated it until his health failed. Paul and Addie Mae J. Poindexter operated the store after Conrad Joyner was unable to, they did so until their deaths.
5. The Rural Patterson store stood near the middle of town. Mr. Patterson sold anything from pitchforks to cheese. W. A. Martin bought this building and remodeled it. He operated it for a good number of years.
6. East Bend did have a drugstore in its early times. Some of the owners and operators were: Grant Lowe, Charlie Truelove, Conrad Joyner, Ott Coram, Ezra Hutchens. Art P. Schlagel, Jr. has operated his drug store for many years here, it is Schlagel's Pharmacy on West Main Street.
7. Mrs. J. H. "Pet" Silles operated a hat shop, of these some were made and some bought. She also sold fancy goods, like lace, ribbon etc; also she sold penny candy for the children.
8. Will and Martha Butner owned and operated a general store in the early 1900's on the Macedonia Road.
9. In the early days, people enjoyed going to the Ice Cream Parlor. It was operated by Miss Nannie Huff. Located where the Marler Store building was built. We are told that a fountain Coca Cola was .5¢ and a dish of ice cream was .5¢.
10. Joseph Weinard was also an early skilled cabinet maker. Those who now own furniture he made prize it highly.
11. H. T. Felts owned and operated a shoe and harness shop.

12. Morse-Wade tobacco factory was located south of the Otis Wade home on Flint Hill Road. They manufactured smoking and plug tobacco. This being the last tobacco manufacturing concern to operate in East Bend. With larger tobacco plants in Winston-Salem and no rail roads in Yadkin County. They had a poor chance to grow and advance. Otis Wade and Tom Morse came to East Bend from Virginia.
13. Verge Martin owned a jewelry store about the center of town. Nearby Arthur and Jim Norman had a barber shop. Their prices were:
Hair cut -- .5¢ Shave -- .5¢.
14. John Lenz Truelove owned and operated a leather shop located on what is now Cherry Street.
15. R. E. Burchette operated a store on Main Street, selling groceries, candies, school supplies. Also, he operated his funeral home in the same building. During World War II, he built a brick building on west Main Street and moved his funeral business to the new building. At this time it was Burchette and Huff Funeral Home. His son Charles Burchette was in business with him, also Kent Huff, grandson of the late J. G. Huff founder and owner of the Huff Buggy Shop.
16. Missess Millie and Nancy Smitherman lived in their home on the west side of the Yadkin Valley Bank Building, now occupied by East Bend Town Hall. They, for years and years, sewed for many local ladies as well as women from Winston-Salem and other towns. They did beautiful work.
17. The John Smitherman Store was located on the east side of the Yadkin Valley Bank Building. He sold staple groceries, plus shoes and perhaps some clothing. There was a second story to their building, we are told that Dr. Evan Benbow held his medical classes here. The students lived in the Benbow home. Also, Dr. Tom Benbow had his first office here.
18. The following is a list of the Dentists who have served East Bend. Dr. Ed Myers, Dr. Joe Davis, Dr. Lester Benbow, Dr. Rosebud Morse Garriott, Dr Itlay Morse, Dr. Duke Morse, and Dr. John Arrowood.
19. The Tom Morse Home was much more than a home. The large two story brick building housed the family, as well as the making of cotton smoking tobacco sacks on part of the second floor. Morse and Wade employed twelve to fifteen people. When the sacks were completed they were placed in a large hemp or cotton bag and taken out on routes. Delivering them to families to clip, turn, string and tack in bunches of 25. The Morse vehicle would have a certain day to go back to these homes and collect the finished product. Then they were shipped to several tobacco companies. The factory was closed in 1918.
She also operated the Yadkin Valley Hotel, with the rooms on the west side of the second story. The west side of the first floor was used to operate the business part of the sack business, as well as space for the Post Office for a time.
She, Mr. Morse and the four children lived on the east side of the first floor. The kitchen and dining area were in a separate building south of the brick building. Aunt Bettie Sears was their cook.
Mrs. Morse also operated a cannery in the spring and summer months. Employees would go out and pick dewberries, blackberries, tomatoes and what ever was in season, then cook and can them in tin cans, label and box--- ready for sale.

BUSINESSES-- continued

The Morses raised four children, three making dentists. They were: Mrs. Erie Highfill, Dr. Rosebud M. Garriott, Dr. Itlay M. Waynick and Dr. Duke Morse.

20. Will Tomlinson and L. H. Huff began building buggies in 1914 or 1915. Mr. Tomlinson's buggy shop was located on east Main Street. It is not known how long they were in business. After their death, Walter Tomlinson and Roscoe Kirkman operated the same kind of business here. Roscoe painted and striped the buggies. Walter was good with wood work and blacksmith work.
21. The Drummer's Home was located beside the Robert Poindexter Store. It was owned and operated by Azariah Horn. The travelers were always welcomed in his home. He came to East Bend around 1846, soon opening his home and operated it for many years. Mr. Horn also operated a dray service to Donnaha, across the river, where the rail road station was located.
22. Charles Sanford Benbow's store was located east of East Bend and in his front yard. He sold staple needs for the families at this time.
23. Joe Choplin owned and operated his general store located beside the Dr. W. G. Leake's office. This was in west East Bend.
24. The John Reece store was located mid town, he sold staple foods. Shipments of sugar, coffee, dried beans and etc. came in large amounts in large bags, barrels, etc. They had to be weighed in small bags. Vinegar came in 50 gallon drums, it had to be pumped into containers.
His father-in-law Albert Overby first operated this store, being located beside the old drugstore building. Mr. Overby's daughter married John Reece, she was known to us as "Aunt Jennie Reece".
25. Zeal Wilhelm built a roller mill and operated it. Following him was Henry Wilhelm. Charlie Hupp operated this business from 1930 to 1934. Henry again took over the business and operated it until his health failed.
26. John Hinsdale operated a wood shop south of the Friends Church for many years. He did carpenter work in the homes, as well as being a cabinet maker. He sawed tobacco sticks for the tobacco farmers, when tobacco was hand strung and cured by wood burning furnaces.
27. Frank Kirk was a contractor who built homes and etc. He was a very good finish carpenter.
28. P. J. Martin owned a roller mill, also an ice cream parlor. We are told that his son Irvin made the ice cream.
29. The Leake Theatre was located in west East Bend, directly across the street from the Dr. W. G. Leake home. It was converted from his barn and gave the residents much pleasure. Fred Martin operated the projector.

BUSINESSES--continued

30. In 1852, Solomon Lineberry came to East Bend from Randolph County to apply his trade of stone mason.

31. Census of 1860 Businesses:

Temple Blakley- a tanner	A.A. Ron Morton- a carpenter
D. A. Martin- a carpenter	R. M. Logan- a blacksmith
Bloom Couzen- a shoe maker	James R. Bailey- a shoe maker
J. F. Marler- a shoe maker	Thomas A. Kerr- a basket maker
Hamp Martin- merchant	J. W. Nance- tobacconist
Lemuel G. Kingoun- merchant	John E. Overby- Merchant (blind)
A. A. Anderson- school teacher	J. J. Jones- a miner
Zachariah Overby- wagon maker	Joseph Dobson- an attorney
Silas Livermore- minister, missionary	Hamp Hauser- broom factory
Uncle Ruff Poindexter- horse trader	H. T. Felts- shoe and harness shop
Caprain Steele- cabinet maker, brick yard, had orchard and bees	

Early prosperous farmers: Thomas C. Poindexter, W. H. Miller, William Hartgrove, J. J. Kirk, Franklin Williams, David Smitherman, James Allen, J. W. Poindexter, Henry P. Martin, John Patterson, Andrew Webb

32. Blacksmith Shops in East Bend in the early days were:

Huff Blacksmith Shop	T. A. Smitherman Blacksmith Shop
Perk Smitherman Blacksmith Shop	Jim Smitherman Blacksmith Shop
Phil Presnell Blacksmith Shop	Charlie Joyner Blacksmith Shop
John Patterson Blacksmith Shop	Issac Norman Blacksmith Shop

33. Businesses that have operated in later and present days are:

L.L. Smitherman Store	Lee Douglas Shoe Repair
P. B. Hutchens Filling Station and Garage	
Pickett and Huff Furniture and Appliance	
Hiriam Johnson's Mill- later John Poindexter operated in the same building	
L. N. Poindexter Barber Shop	Shop-Rite Food Store
C & C Filling Station	Kiger's Discount Store
East Bend Dinette	Floyd Miller Barber Shop
East Bend Sentry Hardware	Bobbie Davis Shoe Shop
Henry Speas Saw Mill	Clyde Taylor Body Shop
East Bend Service Center	East Bend Drive-In Theatre
East Bend Drag Strip	East Bend Recreation Room
P. A. Davis Store	Taylor's Variety Store
Sam Poindexter Shoe Shop	Francis Hutchens Wood Shop
Poor John's Restaurant	East Bend Auto Clinic
Huff Funeral Home	O'Henry's Restaurant
Stinson's Exxon	Collin's Body Shop
67 Trading Post	Wilhelm's Roller Mill
Wagoner's Florist	Naomi Martin's Florist
Williams' Florist	Tony Brown Body Shop
Pride Wooten Feed Store	Darlis' Beauty Shop
Kathleen Neil Beauty Shop	Jessie Huff Beauty Shop
East Bend Kenco Service Station	K & G Door Makers

BUSINESSES-- continued

Walter Tomlinson Shop	Poindexter's Garden
Charlie Johnson Shoe Shop	Charlie Marler Shoe Shop
Nat Martin Plumbing Co.	Flynt Oil Comany
Cox's Tree Trimmers	Linda's Beauty Shop
Jerry's Pool and Games	Hickory House Barbecue
Adventure World Video	Matthew's Hardware
Crissman, Mendenhall, Steelman Ins. Co.	J. D. Smitherman Store (Pauline's)
Mosers Pool Room	D & K Home Video
Opal Disher's Ceramic Shop	Garriott & Collins Sock Factory
Holder's Theatre	Ammons & Lewis Cafe
W. A. Martin Cement Block Factory	J. T. Joyce Plumbing.

34. Several homes were opened to students, teachers and principals to live in the early days. These ladies are worthy of mention for their willingness to share and house these men and women while getting their education.

These are some: Mrs. Evan Benbow, Mrs. Charlie Huff, Mrs. Isabell Smitherman, Mrs. Henry Davis, Mrs. "Pet" Sills, Mrs. Mamie Butner, Miss Millie and Nancy Smitherman, Mrs. Baldwin Horn, Mrs. Fannie Truelove, Mrs. Frank Kirk, Mrs. John Matthews, Mrs. Gurney Hutchens, and there could be more.

35. Medical Doctor's having practiced in East Bend

Dr. Evan Benbow 1827-1896	Dr. William Evan Benbow
Dr J. M. Matthews	Dr. Alexander Benbow
Dr. Luther Matthews	Dr. J. Thomas Benbow
Dr. John Woltz	Dr. John H. Kinyoun 1826
Dr. John P. Nicholson 1836-1862	Dr. Edgar Matthews
Dr. N. W. Glenn 1860	Dr. John Henry Martin 1907-1910
Dr. W. G. Leak 1902 (35 years)	Dr. R. E. Martin (44 years)
Dr. G. F. Reeves 1939-1942	Dr. Jim Cleary

These practiced before the East Bend Medical Center was established.

By: Louise Poindexter
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John A. Martin, around 1875, owned and operated one of the first tobacco factories in the state. He featured plug tobaccos - "Martin's Special Leaf," "Yadkin Valley," "Yadkin Belle," "Farmer's Choice" and "Black Raven." A smoking tobacco, "King of the Forest," was sold in small cotton sacks made by the Morse and Wade Sack Factory. Many workers were employed there.

Men would rise early to deliver his products by two-horse wagons as far away as South Carolina and Georgia. This was about the time R. J. Reynolds started his business in Winston. For several years Martin was able to keep up with the rapidly growing Reynolds Company in the plug tobacco field. Not being on a railroad, and lack of rapid transportation, caused Martin to close his factory in 1905.

John A. had a variety of other businesses in town - a large general merchandise store, a steam sawmill, roller mill, and broom factory. Local people grew the broom corn for sale to him. These brooms were sold to other merchants in this area and some were shipped to other states. All of his interests mentioned before were located in an area of East Bend from where the Dr. R. E. Martin home now stands to the present Post Office - extending across By-Pass 67 to the Friends Cemetery. In and around this area, he provided little houses for his workers.

As the town grew, around 1909, John A. decided to move his businesses to his large farm on the Yadkin River at Shoals (Yadkin side). Here, he operated a saw mill, making all kinds of lumber from the vast amount of timber and it grew into a large lumber business. Nearby, he built a two-story house called "The Hermitage," where he, his son, Edgar, and many of his workers would live from Monday til Saturday when they returned to East Bend to their families for the week-end. This building still stands.

Around 1910, "The Yadkin Valley Pilot" has this to say: "Mr. Martin has just completed on his place a large, modern roller mill, using the most approved machinery and his flour is gaining a great reputation. He uses nothing but first-class wheat in making flour, so when you carry good wheat to his mill you know you will get in exchange flour made from good wheat. All low grades of wheat is exchanged at its value and is ground into feed stuff." Millstones from the mill are now in the front yard at the Edgar Martin home in East Bend.

Statements show the businesses at Shoals operating as "Shoals Mills" and "J. A. Martin & Son." From the time he was about 14 years old, his son, Edgar, was his "right-hand man."

John A. built a ferryboat for crossing the Yadkin River to the Surry side which opened a shorter route from Surry County to Winston-Salem. Several wagons or cars could be taken across at one time and the operator often stayed overnight in the tiny house beside the river. When the ferry washed away in a flood in 1916 he replaced it with another.

On the Surry side of the river beside the railroad he built a three-story building which housed a general merchandise store, the Shoals Post Office, and Railroad Ticket Office. In this building he installed one of the first elevators in this part of the state. Nearby stood the depot.



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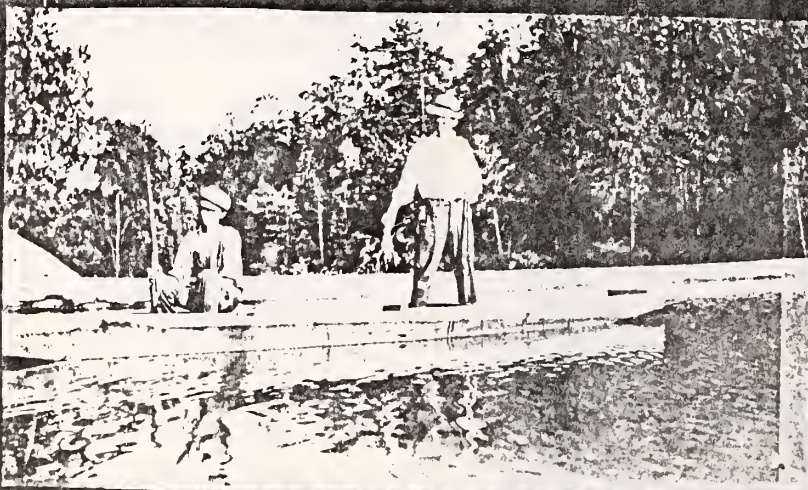
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J. A. Smitherman's Buggy Works

The J. A. Smitherman Buggy Works was located on the south side of Main Street at the corner of Academy Street that is at this time a vacant lot. It was built in the late 1880's on land that was purchased from his father, Abner Park Smitherman and was the second largest buggy manufacturing plant here. The large two story frame building had a ramp on the back of the east side where buggies were taken up to the second floor when they were finished and rolled down as they were sold.

Buggies of various styles were made here, including the two seated "surrey with the fringe on top". The first had iron rim wheels and in later years rubber was used on the wheels. The first rubber-tire buggy was sold in Forsyth County but the business furnished buggies over a wide area.

Mr. Smitherman built a board walk in front of and along the west side of the building which was enjoyed by all walking to the Academy.

The shop had a wood working department using lumber that was sawed, dried and dressed at the J. A. Smitherman Sawmill, that was located north of Main St. beyond the Evangelical Methodist Church on the right side of road.

Mr. Miles Martin, Hilary Holcomb, Roscoe Kirkman & Claude Martin were employed in the shop, to name a few, and the Smitherman boys were taught the trades of the shop, working under master craftsmen until they ventured out into their chosen field.

They continued to make and repair buggies until automobiles took their place. At that time Mr. J. A. Smitherman and his son Robert (Bob) began body and repair work on cars.

Robert continued that business until 1960. The building was dismantled a few years later.

News item from the Jan. 4, 1893 issue of The Yadkin Ripple published at that time at East Bend.

Many attended the delicious repast on Dec. 31. When we arrived at the T.A. Smitherman splendid new shop where the supper was served, we found the members of the Odd Fellows Lodge attired in their regalia smiling and the table fairly groaning under the delicious viands arranged thereon. It was served on a snow-white dimask. In the center was a large oblong cake with pink icing. On either side were two large white cakes with fancy candy, then surrounded with pies and cakes of every description. The whole affair was a decided success and will long be remembered as the most pleasant occasion of the season.

Blacksmith Shop

Abner Berk Smitherman (1828-1912) owned a brick blacksmith shop, behind the T.A. Smitherman Buggy Works, that he had worked in for many years before the buggy works was built. His son James Abner (Jim) joined him in this business and continued to heat the iron in the forge and shape it on the anvil as long as his health permitted.

Ruth Smitherman Hupp
January-1987.



J. G. Huff opened his first buggy shop in 1873 on the lot between his home and what is now Huff Funeral Home. His business soon outgrew the little shop and twenty years later (1893) he built a new, three-story factory, at that time the largest "factory building" of any description in this state, as well as being the largest "buggy factory" in the South. Many good workmen were employed in every department and for 37 years the factory was never closed a single day. It was filled with all the latest improved machinery.

This plant furnished buggies and carriages over a territory of six or eight counties, reaching into Virginia. All under one roof, the lumber used was sawed, dried in the kiln, dressed, and turned into the finished product. One of the "small seat" buggies was called the "H.M.T." (Hug-Me-Tight) which was the choice of all the young men. The top of the line was his specialty - patented the "Yadkin Valley Phaeton." The standard buggy with no top and steel rims sold for \$55, while the rubber-tired ones retailed for \$75. Those equipped with "auto seats" sold for \$100. Two of the Huff sons, Charlie and Brewster, worked with their father in this business.

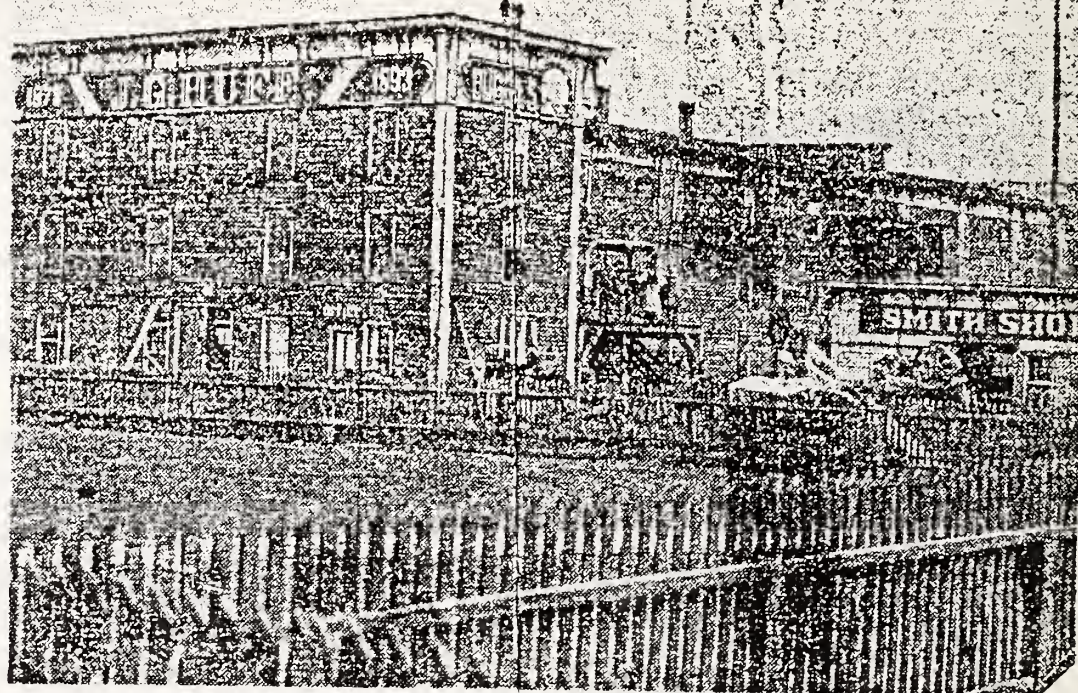
In 1885 building he also started the town's first undertaking business. Huff began making coffins and caskets - from the cheapest to the finest. Becoming dissatisfied with having to conduct funerals by using wagons to transport the corpse, he began manufacturing hearses and funeral racks for his own use and for sale to other undertaking establishments. He carried a complete line of burial garments - robes, dresses, and suits. His son, Charlie, who was working with him, became Yadkin County's first licensed embalmer in 1910.

Next door to the factory was his Smith Shop where the blacksmith, Phil Presnell, worked for many years.

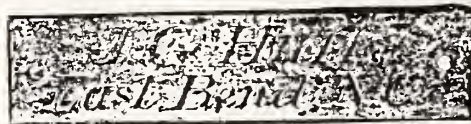
On the corner lot, adjoining the present Moody Davis home, stood his Machine Shop where he kept and sold all kinds of machinery - engines, boilers, sawmills and farm machinery. Mr. Huff brought to town the first steam saw and planing mill, operated the first machine shop, the first steam threshing machine, the first reaper and binder, the first traction engine, the first stump puller, and equipped the first saw mill all mounted on wheels and self propelling.

Very few buggies were made after 1918, except for filling mail orders for men in rural areas where the roads were still bad. Around 1920 the Huff Buggy Factory closed - automobiles were here to stay. In 1932, during a severe electrical storm, the Factory and Smith Shop burned to the ground.

J. G. Huff at one time owned and operated a grist mill which is now the Allgood Mill. He rebuilt the mill and dam sometime around the turn of the century, after a flood had washed away the original ones. His flour and meal carried the name "Yadkin Valley Mills."



The old J. G. Huff Buggy Works at East Bend.



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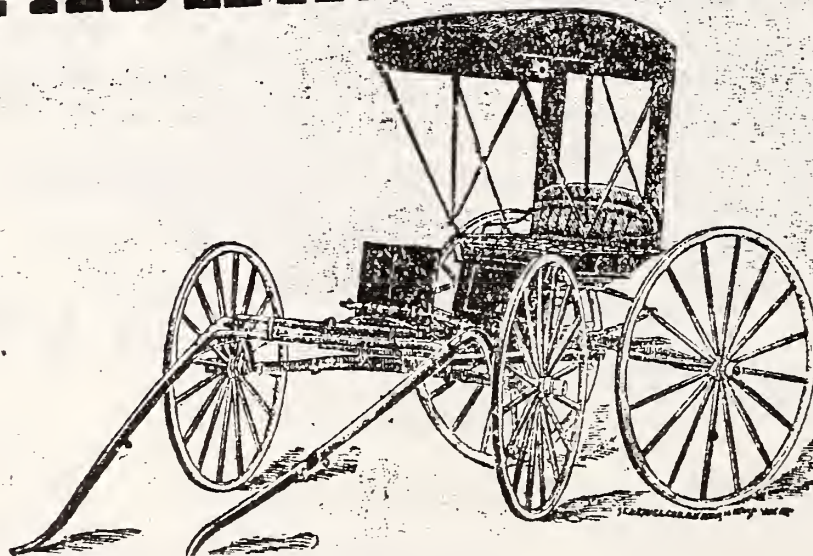
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In the beginning Bruton Davis and Henry Davis owned and operated a general merchandise store in the area of the Nat Martin home. The building burned in 1913. Bruton Davis had no interest in replacing the building.

Henry and William C. Davis being brothers, purchased the lot where the Robert Poindexter Store occupied. The Poindexter building was moved to the Wiley Poindexter farm, being in the Union Hill community, which at this writing, still stands.

The Davis Brothers built a two story brick building in 1914. They sold general merchandise several years, then Henry bought his brothers share.

It was then known as H.E. Davis Store. He sold groceries, overalls, dry good materials, notions, shoes, tin wares, harness', "molasses from the barrel " and etc. Later added farm machinery and ferterlizer!

For years he handled the Golden Belt Tobacco sacks, shipments came by rail from Durham, NC. They came hemmed and sewn together, in himp bags. Women would come for them, take them home, clip, turn right side out, string two golden colored twine in hem, and tie each end of the twine. This way when the smoking tobacco was placed in the bag the top could be closed. (Roll your own cigarettes)

When finished they returned them to Mr. Davis, he counted the finished product being 25 bags, tacked together in each bundle, paid them a set price for each 100 bags. This being an income for our ladies in the community. She then, returned them to Donnah, NC to be shipped back to Durham NC for distribution to the Smoking Tobacco Company's in many areas of the country.

One portion of the store was used for county, state & National elections for years.

Dr. Rosebud Morre Garriott, Dentist, occupied part of the second story for her dental practice for many years.

Mr. Davis operated his store until his health failed, this being in the year of 1956.

By Louise D. Poindexter-
January, 1987



THE DISTILLERIES

Distilleries were before my time, but I did hear much talk about them when I was a child. I can remember the large two story building built over a stream of water where two spring branches ran together just above the building. This was the "Riverside Distillery", it was in the community of the town of "Shore, N. C." It was operated by Steelman and Shore, about the turn of the century. At one time there were five distilleries, two were not far from this one, one was not far from Chestnut Ridge School, another one maybe not far from Smithtown. They worked together and most of the shipping was done by the Riverside Distillery. Most farms had large apple and pear orchards. They would haul the fruit in big loads and pile them to use in the mash, much corn was needed so farmers furnished that also. Hops, a fruit or pod was used to help with the fermenting. The water was used to make steam for the pipes to carry the strained liquid from the mash through, coming out liquor or brandy. It was then stored in barrels or jugs, it was ready for sale, or use.

There was a pasture down stream from the building with swine (hogs) in it, the used mash was washed down stream to them, and that made grand feed for them.

All goods were to have government stamps. The selling price was \$1.00 per gallon. The stamp was .90¢ per gallon, giving them only .10¢ per gallon for their work. There was no way to make ends meet if they did not boot-leg some. They would work day and night to make some extra to sell without stamps.

There were special wagons made to haul it for delivery. It was carried far and near. Some was shipped on the train. The wagons had a secret floor in them where the stamps on the false heads of the barrels were slipped off and carried home to be used again. I do not know where the barrels were made, but I have seen jugs with the name "Shore, N. C." stamped on them, so there must have been some place near by where they were made.

Our homeplace had an orchard with lots of apple trees, many different kinds, such as, Cain, June, Aunt Sally, Buckingham, harse apple, cheese and others. When the state went dry in 1908 the operation had to stop. It was necessary for these people to change their occupations. Steelman kept in the milling business and farming, Shore with to Rocky Mount, N. C.

By: Mattie Lou Davis

THE MILL ON DILL CREEK

Memories of the old Grist Mill on Dill Creek.

It was about one mile up Dill Creek from the now standing mill known as "Allgood Mill". It must have been built by John Henry Speas and wife Anna Shore Speas. Anna being a sister of the John Shore that was the original builder of the Allgood Mill.

John Henry Speas was born February 3, 1789, died July 8, 1862

Anna Shore Speas was born February 10, 1788, died September 4, 1859

They were married November 6, 1813. They were my great, great grandparents. The mill could have been built around 1820 or 1830. It was during the time of slavery.

The building was just below a beautiful waterfall, a large three story building, pushing with turbine water wheels. It did grinding for the distilleries and neighbors. One wheel operated the flour mill, the other was for corn meal, hominy, and chicken feed, also feed for pigs and hogs. People came in wagons with loads, some on horse back with a sack for smaller amounts, then there were those that went with a sack on their back to get a small amount (They had no horse or wagon) they would wait until the miller would grind the grain they brought. The miller would take a certain amount for the grinding that was his salary when the weather was cold they would go out to a small cabin with a fireplace to keep warm until their meal or flour was ready. The chimney is still standing.

A large lake (or pond) was above the rock waterfalls, a large rock dam was above the falls, the race was above the falls down to the mill. The road came down the hill and a bridge was over the dam, that was the way to get to the mill, and on up the creek to the home and to East Bend.

I do not know who was in charge of the mill from the beginning until Santford Davis my grandfather had it about 1900.

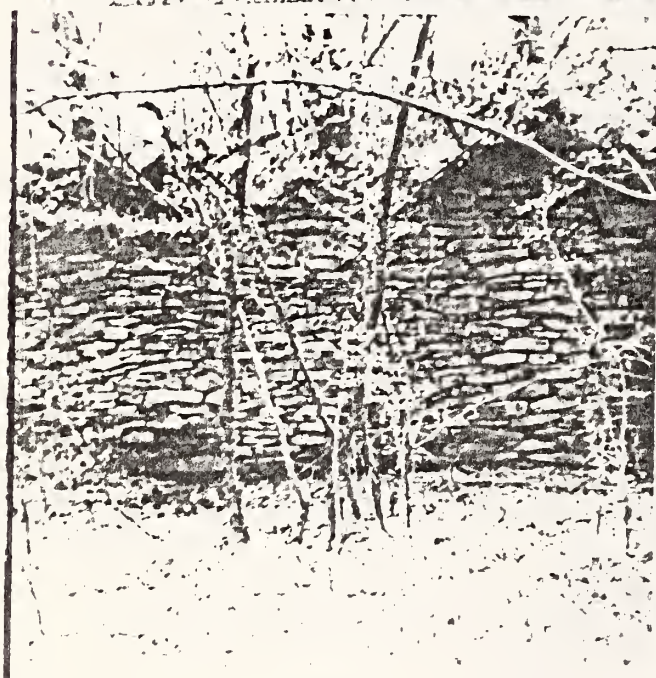
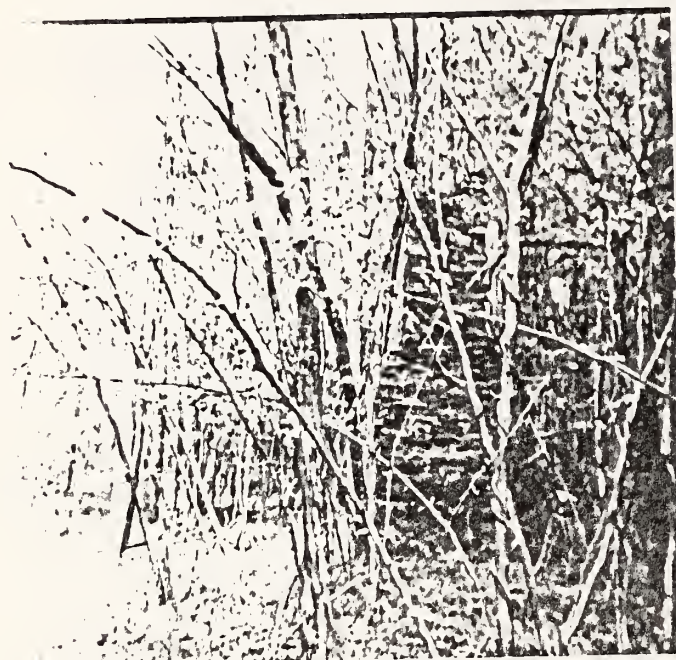
About 1903, John Myers a young man from Shore, N. C. known now as the Flint Hill Community, was drowned in the pond. (A group of young people were boat riding on the pond) I remember going with my grandfather in the buggy across the bridge down the hill by the mill and to his home, about 2½ miles away.

About 1913 a big summer thunder storm came, the creek was so high and forceful it washed the bridge, race and dam away. That was the end of the old mill. They tore it down and rebuilt it at my grandfather's.

Some of the millers that were there the last few years were Gray Hutchens, Sam Phillips and Pat Frye. Nothing remains now except the waterfalls, the old chimney to the warming room, a hitching post, a rock wall, part of the pond and the mill rocks that are in George Butner's yard.

This land has been in the family for around 170 years, and the fifth generation.

By: Mattie Lou Butner Davis



The above pictures are scenes of the "Mill on Dill Creek"

Down By The Old Mill Stream...

Yadkin Grist Mill Is Humming Again After 25 Years

Robert Allgood, retired Winston-Salem businessman and Yadkin County native, has finally finished his pet project that he has been working on since 1960 -- putting the old Steelman - Hupp - Butner mill in the Flint Hill community back in operation.

The old grist mill, about four miles east of East Bend on Rural Road 1560 on Mill Creek, dates back before the Civil War, probably to 1845. The original dam and mill were built by

John Shore, great-granddaddy of Babe Shore and Ernie Shore, retired sheriff of Forsyth County, and passed through several hands before being virtually abandoned in 1952.

J. G. Huff, East Bend buggy manufacturer, later owned the mill and rebuilt the dam and mill after a flood did extensive damage after the turn of the century. Later owners were Preston Shore, George



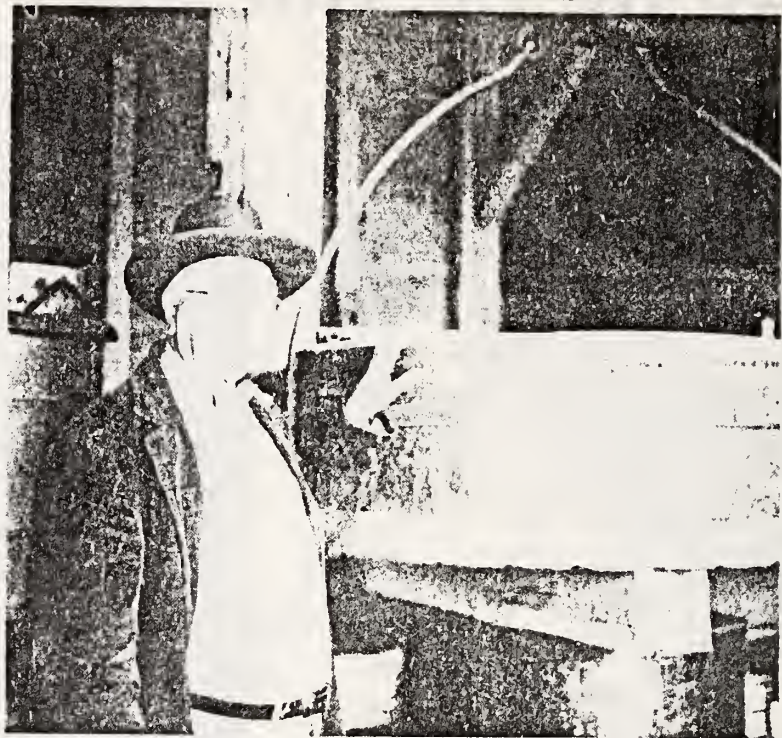
ROBERT ALLGOOD AT MILL

Steeleman, a big landowner in that area, A. E. Shore, and Lonnie Shore, who ran it for his brother Anderson in the early 1920s. It was known as Clyde Mill at this time. Charlie Hupp operated it from 1926 until 1930 and Ed Butner bought it in 1932. George Butner operated it from 1936 to 1946 and from 1950 to 1952, then it sat idle.

Robert Allgood purchased the property from Ed Butner and for the past 15 years has secured new parts and equipment and made repairs to the six-acre watershed, which was a challenge in itself. In one period of three months about 1962, Josh Hupp, Bill Poindexter and Charles Speer worked every Saturday trying to get the old gate out of the dam, which

was rusty and stuck and mud was higher than the dam. They finally blew it out with dynamite after a dozen tries and mud and water sluiced through for three weeks. Later, a Statesville firm made him a new one. The stone dam is a huge one, 200 feet long, 18 feet wide at the bottom and five feet wide at the top.

Allgood is proud of the big 20-foot water wheel, which is the largest he has ever seen. "It is perfectly balanced and can be turned with your hand," he says. "I had it sandblasted and coated with fiberglass." J. O. Griffin and Roger Shore used huge jacks and replaced beams in the millhouse, and he secured a lot of equipment from the old Lassiter Mill at Clemmons.



THE NEW OWNER STANDS BESIDE OF FOUR-FOOT GRIN

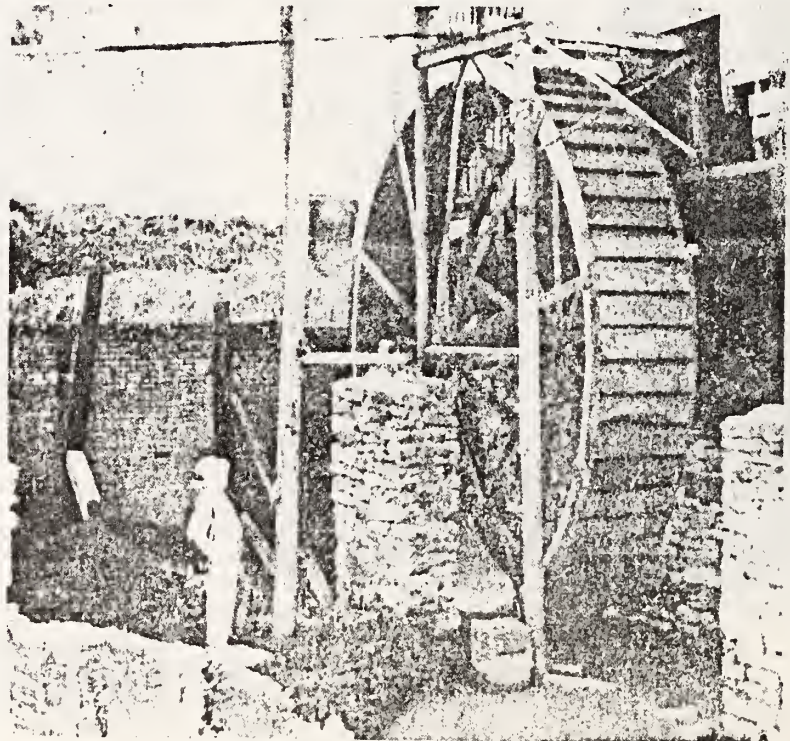
The mill is located in the community where the town of Shore was incorporated and Riverside Distillery was in operation by Steelman and Shore just after the turn of the century, and the main job of the mill was to grind corn for the liquor distilleries, which at one time numbered five. They went out of operation in 1908 when the state went dry.

Now, every Saturday, and on some other days during the week, the four-foot wide grinding stone is whirring away grinding corn for corn meal, the only product Allgood has made so far. "It takes right much time and there's some waste in switching to wheat and other grains," he says, "and right now me and a couple of my nephews and friends are just grinding some for the people who bring us in some corn. We haven't sold much except to a few neighbors."

The people in the community have taken a great interest in Allgood's restoring the old mill, and enjoy having it in operation again. And Allgood, who was born at the old Hauser place south of Yadkinville, is delighted. "People come by all the time," he says.

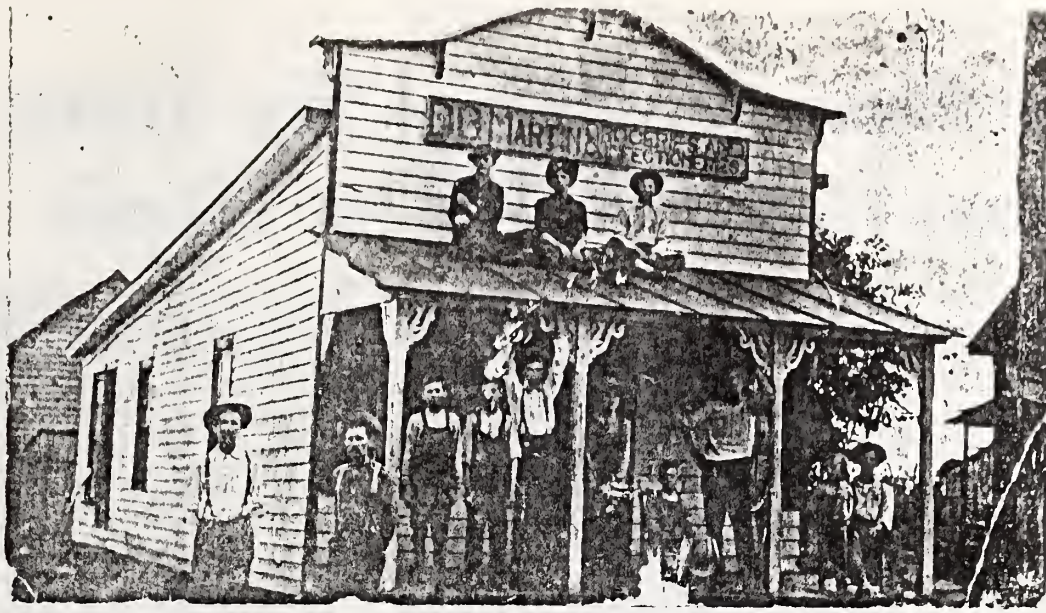
Why did the old grist mills stop operating?

Because housewives buy their bread at the store instead of spending time bak-



OLD WATERWHEEL HAS BEEN SANDBLASTED AND COAT

ing it from flour. Today, according to a survey conducted by State Magazine, there are approximately 68 grist mills standing in North Carolina, with 12 of them in operation, in Ashe, Guilford, Nash, Rowan, Tyrrell, Alexander, Haywood, Jackson, and Swain counties in addition to Yadkin. The oldest one in continuous operation in the nation is in Guilford, located on Highway 68 near Oak Ridge, established in 1745.



D G MARTIN STORE

The D G Martin Store was located across from East Bend Baptist Church where the Tommy Coram house stands today.

YADKIN VALLEY BANK

This bank was established in 1909 with a capital stock of \$5,000. The first presidents were Wesley Speas, Dr. W. G. Leake, and John A. Martin. Dr. Leake, Mr. Martin, J. Neal Miller, and J. G. Huff served as the first Board of Directors.

The bank was located on Main Street, the present site of Town Hall. In 1956, the bank was purchased by The Northwestern Bank, and in 1961 moved into its present building on Highway 67 by-pass. In 1985, it was purchased by First Union Bank.

East Bend Paper Published Six Years; Editor Went Down With The Titanic

Fifty years ago last month—in July, 1916—East Bend's second newspaper gave up the ghost after being published for six years.

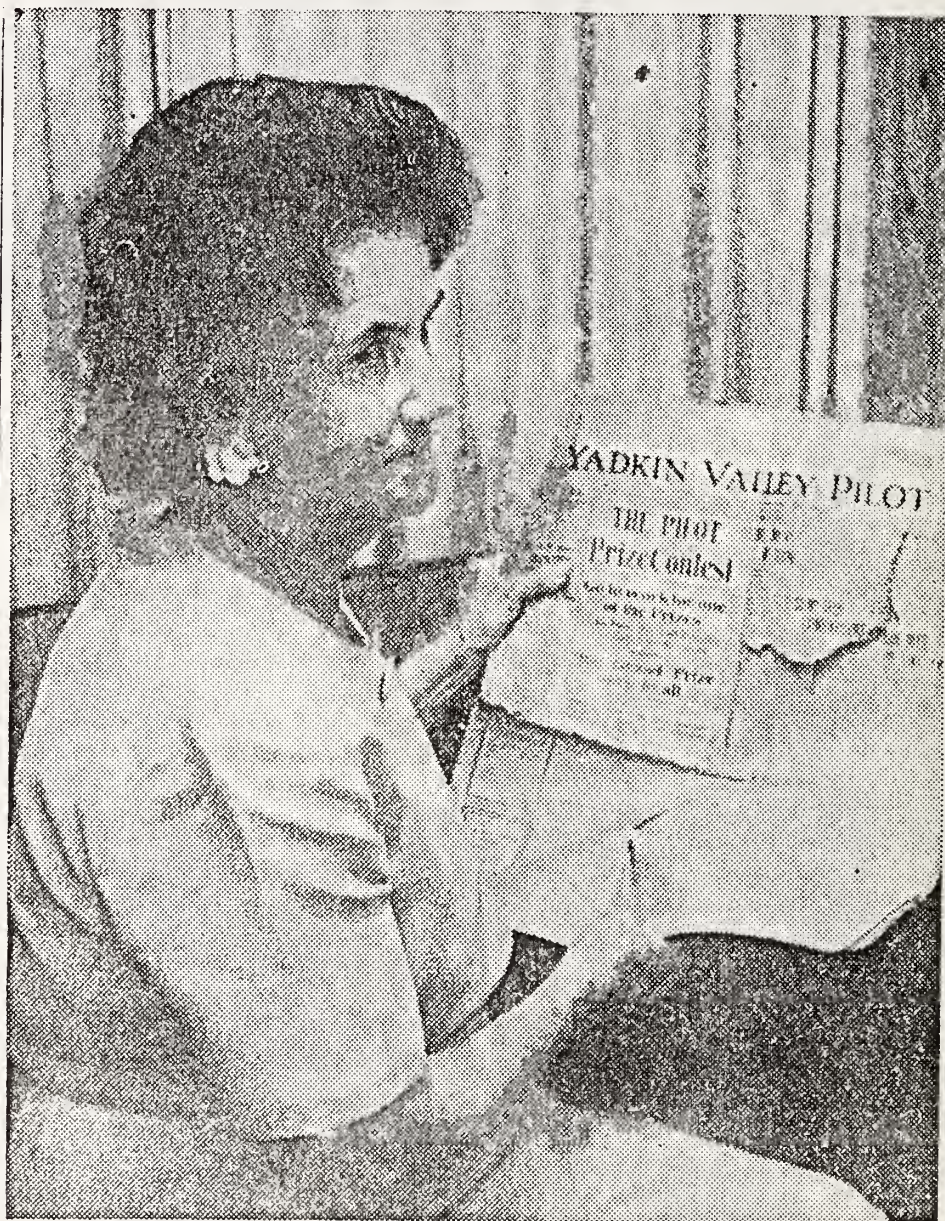
It was the Yadkin Valley Pilot, established about January 1, 1910 by 16 East Bend businessmen and citizens headed by a newcomer to town, Charles Edward Jenkins. The corporation, formed under the title of East Bend Publishing Company, was dissolved in December 1910 but the paper continued to be published, sometimes intermittently, under various owners and editors for five more years.

In 1912 when the luxury liner Titanic sailed for Europe, Mr. Jenkins was on it. When the ship struck an iceberg on its return voyage to New York and sank on April 15, Mr. Jenkins lost his life.

Mrs. Ed M. Martin of East Bend has one of the very few surviving copies of the newspaper now in existence. It is dated June 22, 1911 and carries the words Volume 2, No. 25, showing it has been published for 25 weeks in its second year. This also shows it was published for several weeks before being granted a second class mailing permit, and that it must have begun publishing about January 1, 1910.

The record of corporations in the office of the Yadkin County Clerk of Court shows the East Bend Publishing Company filed a certificate of incorporation on March 22, 1910 with the following stockholders: J. Lee Norman, W. A. Martin, John T. Benbow, W. G. Leak, Joe V. Davis, John G. Huff, L. B. Davis, W. H. Hinsdale, R. B. Horn, W. N. Horn, J. T. Smitherman, W. C. Poindexter, Henry E. Davis, H. H. Huff, B. V. Whittington, and Charles E. Jenkins.

The copy of the paper that Mrs. Martin has still contains the address label with the name of her father, J. G. Huff, on it. The mast-



MRS. ED M. MARTIN HOLDS COPY OF PILOT

head lists J. Lee Norman, W. N. Horn and J. T. Benbow as owners and editors. The paper's price is listed at 50c a year or three cents the copy.

Research done in relation to the paper last year revealed that other editors included Chester Vog-

ler, R. M. Wells and Professor S. J. Honeycutt. When Mr. Honeycutt, the father of Mrs. Rufus Crater of Yadkinville, died in 1925 his obituary contained these words: "For most of the life of

the Yadkin Valley Pilot, he was the editor and publisher."

The June 22 issue carries a report of the condition of the Yadkin Valley Bank, listing assets at \$32,904, and showing J. N. Miller, J. G. Huff and John A. Martin as directors.

A Town Directory lists S. W. Hall as mayor; J. W. Smitherman, constable; T. E. Morse, Otis Wade, W. H. Norman, D. G. Martin and R. Baldwin Horn as commissioners.

An item carried under Boonville news reads: "The Boonville Herald has taken the place of The Little Echo. A much larger and better paper. Mr. Walter Carner, the editor is a deserving young man and we think it fitting that each one of Boonville's citizens should give him his hearty cooperation in making his undertaking a success."

Under local news a long article told of the wedding of Miss Erie Morse to Alfred F. Highfill of Amarillo, Texas; a plea by the editor to vote in favor of \$30,000 road bonds for East Bend Township; of Ernest Shore pitching an inning of baseball at Enon; and a notice that Dr. J. V. Davis would move his dental practice to Concord.

Advertisements are listed for R. L. Poindexter, horse and mule trader; The Drummers Home, operated by R. Baldwin Horn and featuring good rooms, good beds and good rations; Dr. J. Thomas Benbow, physician and surgeon; W. A. Martin, dealer in general merchandise; W. H. Hinsdale, manufacturer of posts, balustrades, brackets and building material; J. G. Huff, manufacturer of all kinds of buggies and carriages, dealer in engines, boilers, sawmills and farm machinery, a full line of caskets; Yadkinville Harness Co.; and Hutchens, the expert jeweler of Yadkinville, featuring "The best watch in the world, 'Old Yadkin', made for me only by the Elgin Watch Co."

In July of 1916 the Pilot ceased publication, and The Yadkin Ripple, which was originally founded in East Bend in 1892 and moved to Yadkinville in 1896, purchased the Pilot's mailing lists and incorporated them with its own. A few of the subscribers acquired in this transaction are still on the Ripple's mailing lists.

June 17, 1941

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WINSTON-SALEM JOURNAL AND SENTINEL



MRS. MATTIE HALL

Mrs. Hall, 88, Former Yadkin Publisher, Dies

Mrs. Mattie Johnson Hall, founder of the Yadkin Ripple and widow of the Rev. S. W. Hall, died at 6 p.m. yesterday at her home, 959 West End Boulevard. She was 88 years old.

Mrs. Hall founded the Yadkin Ripple, Yadkin County weekly newspaper, more than 50 years ago. She was editor of that paper for about three years, and publisher for many years after that.

Pioneer Newspaper Woman

She was considered one of the State's pioneer newspaperwomen. Critically ill since Tuesday, Mrs. Hall had been in ill health for eight years.

Her husband, the Rev. Mr. Hall, was a Baptist minister who served several churches in Northwest Carolina for many years. He was also principal of several schools in this section of the State, and was connected with Mills Home Orphanage at Thomasville for some years.

The Rev. Mr. Hall and Mrs. Hall moved to Winston-Salem after his retirement from the ministry. He died several years ago.

Born in Jonesville on Jan. 11, 1863, Mrs. Hall was the daughter of J. Hiram and Susan H. Poindexter Johnson. She spent her early life in East Bend, and had lived in Winston-Salem for 33 years.

She was married to the Rev. Mr. Hall on March 16, 1891.

Mrs. Hall was a member of Centenary Methodist Church.

Surviving are one daughter, Miss Mattie Sue Hall of Winston-Salem; three sons, James F. Hall of Winston-Salem; Avalon E. Hall of Yadkinville and C. W. Hall of Advance; 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete last night.

East Bend Newspaper

In East Bend's early history, two newspapers kept patrons aware of current events and local happenings. In 1892, Mattie Johnson Hall, under the name of "Meddlesome Mattie" began publication of The Yadkin Ripple. It is said that Mrs. Hall named her newspaper after observing "ripples" in the Yadkin River. In 1896, the newspaper was sold to Elisha Stanford who moved it to Yadkinville where it is still published today by editor William Rutledge, Jr.

The Yadkin Valley Pilot was first published in 1910 by East Bend Publishing Co. formed by Charles Edward Jenkins, its first editor. Mr. Jenkins lost his life aboard the Titanic when it hit an iceberg and sank in 1912.

Several editors, among them Chester Vogler and Prof. S. J. Honeycutt, kept the Pilot going until 1916 when the mailing lists were sold to The Yadkin Ripple.

HOW THE EARLY HOMES WERE LIGHTED

I have been told in very early years a pine knot would be placed on the fire in the fireplace. This would make a bright light. The children would sit on the floor to get their lessons.

The oil lamp came into existence, using Kerosene as its fuel. This had a wick, that fed the oil to the flame, it had a glass globe that fitted over the flame. The wick would be adjusted to make it burn higher or lower. There were table models and also some that were placed in a frame on the wall.

Lanterns had a handle to be carried by, it too had a glass globe, with a wick in the kerosene oil to feed the flame. This was used mostly outside the home, like at the tobacco curing barn, also to carry, if you walked at night. Lamp and lantern would hold a pint or more kerosene.

There were some gas lamps and gas lanterns used. I'm told, white gas was used in this type. After filling with white gas, a hand pump was used to blow the gas or vapor up into the mantels, two white mesh like small bags were fastened at the proper place in the lamp and lantern. After these had been lit, nothing should touch them or they would crumble. If this happened, they would have to be replaced with a new one. These gave a whiter light, than the kerosene light.

There also was the aladdin lamp, it burnt kerosene, but with its two mantels, it gave a white, brighter light than the requested kerosene lamp.

Then came the Delco Plant lightening system. This had a good size engine that was started and let run for some time, to charge the batteries. There must have been 18 to 20 glass batteries, these contained a liquid, there were one or more batteries that contained a good size marble like ball or two. When these were low, the batteries needed charging, so the Delco Motor was started and it needed to run for a good long while for the ball to rise to the top of the battery. The motor would be turned off and our electric lights would be bright for sometime. Then the process would be to do over again. Some families had carbine light.

In the early days of our town, we are told there was some street lamps. They were lit by a torch at dark and burned until 9:00 o'clock each evening. Albert Overby would lite the lamps and at the appointed time, he would cry out "It is 9:00 o'clock, time to put out the lights." He did so, with a snuffer. He was "East Bend's Town Crier, and also East Bend's lamp lighter."

In 1929 Duke Power came to our rescue, building electric lines into the town. This everyone welcomed and enjoyed to the fullest.

By: Louise Poindexter

The street lights we have in our town limits are credited to our former Mayor Frank Pickett. The story was told on him at our first Centennial meeting that the first time he came to East Bend that he went to a program at the school with Margaret Huff and it was very dark traveling to the school. When he went back home, his mom asked him what he thought about East Bend and he said "If the Lord would help him he would never come back to this dark town." But, he married Margaret Huff and moved back to East Bend and one of the first things he did as a mayor was get street lights in town. He asked the merchants to pay \$2.00 a month and the merchants turned the lights on and off each day.

Frank Pickett was also instrumental in getting the telephone system here from the Old Town exchange.

Frank was a mayor for fourteen years, his first term began in 1946. His terms were not consecutive years but, he is very proud of the town and the citizens that he served.



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Her Rail Road facilities have been greatly improved by the completion of the of all vocations. She has an able corps of efficient town officers—who see that
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build a branch road to East Bend. Being in a rolling country malaria is unknown is broad, her capacities great, and she ever holds out an extended hand to greet
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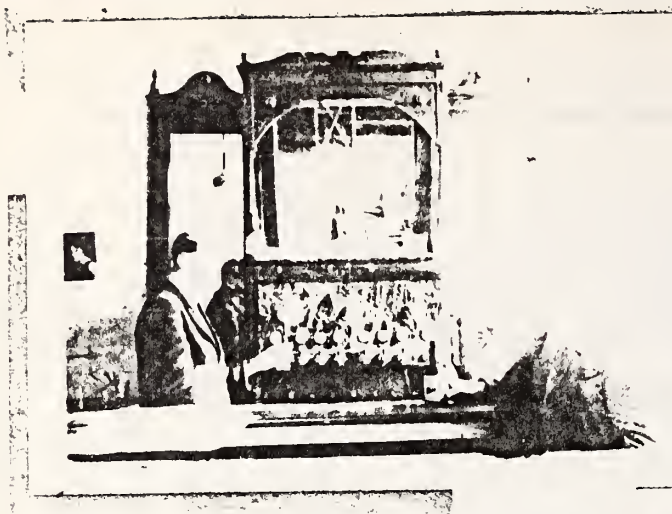
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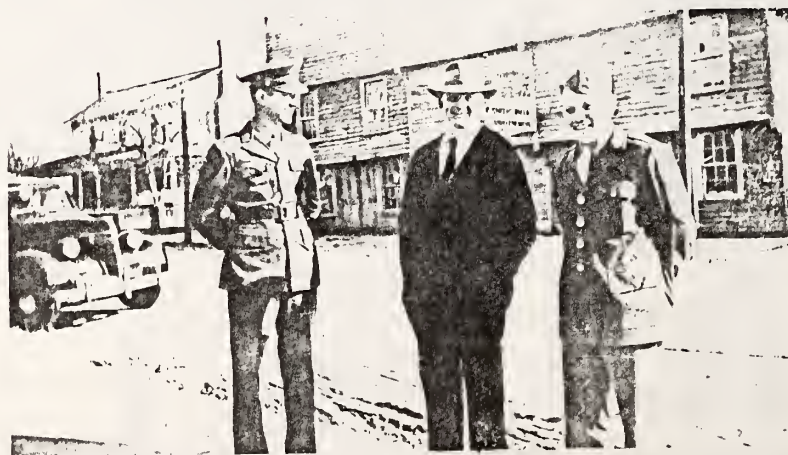
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COUNTER AND SODA FOUNTAIN OF OLD
DRUG STORE.EARLY 1900's

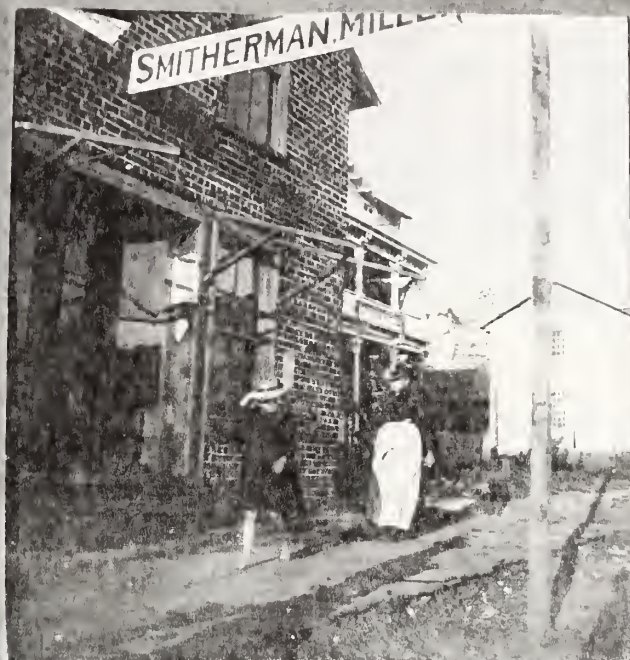


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EARLY TELEPHONE LINES IN AND AROUND EAST BEND

The first telephones were wooden, the box type with a crank fastened on the wall. This being from Donnaha--- East Bend Telephone Company. The size of box, housing the telephone works was approximately 18X8 inches. Each household had a different number of rings like: 1 long ring and 1/2 ring or 2 long rings, etc. This was only local calls. If a neighbor came to use your telephone, you would charge him 5¢ for his use of the telephone.

Shares were sold, enclosed is a certificate to show how many shares you had bought. Such system was used for many years.

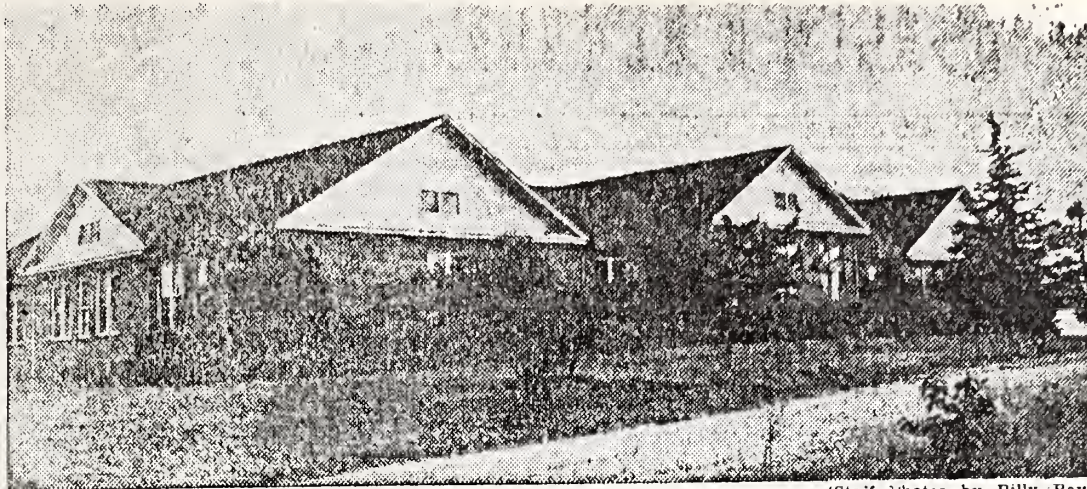
Henry E. Davis had a long distance telephone in his store and one in his home. On, incoming calls, he or a member of his family would go notify the person being called. That person would have to come to the telephone, to talk to the person calling. Out going calls, person making the long distance call would come to Mr. Davis's store during the day, to his home at night and on Sunday s. We would ask the operator to give us the price of the call, then we would know how much to charge.

Then Old Town Telephone Company extended its line to East Bend. This was used for sometime, being better for all concerned.

We were happy when Yadkin Valley Telephone Membership Co. came to serve East Bend families. First we had party lines, meaning a certain number of families were on the same line, then private lines, which is good for all.

by Louise D. Poindexter

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(Staff Photos by Billy Ray)

EAST BEND HIGH SCHOOL—East Bend can well be proud of her 15-teacher school system of which W. A. Beal is principal. The building shown here is centrally located and has a large campus.



DOWNTOWN SECTION—East Bend's mellow age can be seen at a glance in the downtown section where time honored buildings house the town's several stores, shops, and offices.

East Bend 'Snapped Out' of Listless Spirit To Become Thriving Town of 600 People

By **RIXIE HUNTER**
(Staff Correspondent)

East Bend.—A bank, a school, a Mayor, a sawmill, a woman dentist, three churches, two doctors, a Grange, a P.-T. A., one telephone and new street lights—these are some of the things you will hear mentioned during the first hour or two in East Bend.

You might say the town is small for its age, or better, it is old for its size.

Incorporated 55 Years Ago

East Bend, now inhabited by an estimated 600 persons, was incorporated more than 55 years ago, with Hiram Johnson as its first Mayor. According to stories from some of the older citizens, the town flourished for some time after incorporating. Street lamps were put up and board sidewalks were built. East Bend rated quite favorably with the larger towns in this area.

But after a time the lamp lighter began to neglect his lamps (which had to be lighted by a torch) and the board walks

deteriorated and had to rebuilt. Then came the railroad and missed the town. Instead of going straight from Winston-Salem to East Bend, the road was built to Yadkin River and then turned north, leaving East Bend about four miles away.

Despite these inconveniences, however, East Bend held on and steered its accomplishments in other directions. One outlet was in its large academy or boarding school, which paved the way for its present 15-teacher school. The town also kept its grasp as a trading center, and was able to utilize the railroad in this respect.

Today East Bend, like many another small town, is beginning to show signs of revival. Under its present Mayor, Frank Pickett, the town is again installing street lights. Citizens hope to have telephones in the near future and a number of new business establishments are being built.

Bernard and Bruce Matthews are building a new hardware

store, L. B. Fletcher has just completed construction of a garage, and Burchett and Huff is building a new funeral home. East Bend's major industry thus far is the Henry Speas lumber plant, which employs upwards of a dozen persons.

A Grange organization and a Parent-Teacher Association are the town's leading civic clubs. These are at present co-sponsoring a move to build a new home for the school principal. An American Legion post is being organized.

East Bend can well be thankful for the medical attention it receives, since it has one dentist and two doctors during a time when dentists and doctors are scarce. Mrs. Rosebud Garriot, dentist, has been practicing here since 1917, while Dr. R. E. Martin and Dr. Tom Benbow take care of the town's other ills. Dr. Benbow, a brother to Dr. Edgar Benbow of Winston-Salem, is the third generation of his family to practice medicine in East Bend.

EAST BEND POST OFFICE

Postal service in East Bend has had a varied history, and has been headed by a sizable number of postmasters. The first postal service was founded in the town in the year 1849, and Richard Phillips was the first postmaster. This mail service was in the form of deliveries from Old Salem once a week. It was unloaded in a small frame building located on the property of Dr. W. E. Benbow on the road half-way between Main Street and East Bend School, now known as the Enon Road. When the mail arrived at the post office a little group of people would gather around the building and the mail would be read out and handed to the people. Richard Phillips served as postmaster from 1849 to 1866. The records show that Mrs. Nancy Phillips served from January 20, 1866 to June 7, 1866.

Dr. Evan Benbow took office the same year, and the post office was located in Mr. Azriah Horn's Store, the present store of T. D. Smitherman. Robert Poindexter held office for some time and the post office was located in one end of his large store building, which stood on the present site of the Henry Davis Store.

On November 10, 1874 Azriah Horn was again appointed postmaster and he served until April 18, 1882 when James M. Whittington was named postmaster. At that time the post office building was located west of the Dr. W. E. Benbow home, then known as the first drug store in East Bend, located on the site of the present home of Dr. Rosebud Garriott and the home of the Morse and Wade Sack Factory.

The records show that on April 10, 1885 Azriah Horn was again postmaster in East Bend, with the building located in the present T. D. Smitherman Store, which at that time was known as the Azriah Horn Store.

On March 22, 1889, Jesse F. Williams was appointed postmaster. The post office building was located in the home of Dr. Evan Benbow. He held this office until 1893, when Azriah Horn took office, and the office was located in a small building adjoining the Horn Store.

Sarah Lou Williams was appointed postmistress in 1897. The building was located in one room in the home of J. Franklin Williams on Main Street, now occupied by a grandson.

Bettie V. Whittington served for a long period of time, from March 5, 1903 until May 24, 1914. The office was located in the Morse and Wade Hotel and Sack Factory on Main Street. Another lady followed her. Laura Olivia Huff was appointed on May 25, 1914 and served until 1921. The office was located in a small building on Main Street. In 1921 Bertha I. Hauser was appointed and served in this same building until 1932.

Following her tenure of office J. Lee Norman was appointed and served until September 16, 1942. At that time Ethel H. Martin was appointed postmaster

and served until June 30, 1944, the office being located in the L. L. Smitherman building. Edgar M. Martin was then appointed and he has continued until the present time, operating in the same L. L. Smitherman building until the office was moved to the beautiful new building on Highway 67.

It so happens that Ethel H. Martin is the only ex-postmaster living today.

When the office was founded, the annual receipts were only a few dollars. Here are the figures for four years: 1851, \$8.97; 1853, \$6.78; 1855, \$11.39; 1857, \$12.85. As a comparison, the annual receipts today run to approximately \$6,000.

By Ethel H. Martin

The Postal Service was founded in the town of East Bend in the year 1849. Deliveries were made from Old Salem once each week. The first post office was in a small frame building on the property of W. E. Benbow located on what is now known as Enon Road. Names were read and mail was handed out to small groups of people who gathered.

This mode of delivery continued until about 1900. Rural routes were started about this time, and the mail was delivered to the people in privately owned boxes. Post office delivery of mail to the townspeople was something like our general delivery service today. Sometime in the nineteen thirties the postmaster was allowed to purchase individual boxes and rent them to the patrons. This practice continued until 1961.

When routes were first established the mail was delivered by carriers in buggies or on horseback when roads became impassable. In 1922 or 1923 automobiles were first used. Today, two of the East Bend carriers use jeeps and two of them use automobiles.

The East Bend Post Office location has been moved 14 times. From the original W. E. Benbow property it was moved to Azariah Horn's Store, the present T. D. Smitherman Store. When Mrs. Robert Poindexter became postmaster it was in one end of his large store building, which stood on the present site of the Henry Davis Store. Mr. Whittington was made postmaster and located the post office on the present site of Dr. Rosetud Garriote's home. When Mr. Horn was appointed it was moved again to the Azariah Horn Store. Mrs. Williams became postmaster and it was located in the home of Dr. Evan Benbow. Mr. Horn took office again - the office was located in a small building adjoining the Horn Store. Sarah Lou Williams was appointed and the post office was located in one room of the J. Franklin Williams home. Bettie V. Whittington then served as postmaster and the post office was located in the Morse & Wade Hotel. When Laura C. Huff was postmaster the office was located in a small building on Main Street. Bertha I. Houser was appointed in 1921 and served in the same building until 1932. Following her tenure in office, J. Lee Norman, Ethel H. Martin and Edgar M. Martin served as postmaster in the L. L. Smitherman Building on Main Street. In November 1961 a new post office was opened on Highway 67 By-Pass, adjoining the Northwestern Bank. The office soon outgrew these quarters, and in 1975 the office was moved into the present renovated building on the lot next door.

When James M. Whittington was postmaster, the mail came up to Shoals by the railroad, where Hamp Lane met the mail and brought it to East Bend in a hack.

By the time Laura O. Huff became postmaster, four routes had been established and Baldwin Horn brought the mail from Donnaha. This method of delivery continued for many years. Hank Joyner, Gray Blakley and Charles Burchette also carried this star route.

In 1950 when railroad service was discontinued, mail delivery was made by truck out of Winston-Salem. In addition to this service a star route ran from North Wilkesboro to Winston-Salem by way of East Bend in the early morning and returned in the early afternoon. The H.F.C. also came thru East Bend at 6:00 PM, dropped off and picked up mail. This was a period of excellent service to patrons. The East Bend Post Office had three incoming mails and three dispatches each day. These services continued until June 30, 1965.

The East Bend Post Office served as a way station for the Siloam Post Office for many years. Loyd Flynn was the star route carrier between East Bend and Siloam. This system continued until 1974 when Siloam's one route was brought into the East Bend office. At this time the two routes served out of the East Bend office and the Siloam route were combined. Four routes were formed. Three regular routes, and one auxiliary.

Records do not indicate that a clerk served with the postmaster until the late nineteen twenties or early thirties. The first clerk of available records was Laura Patterson. Clerks that followed were; Lilliam Hinsdale, Collie Taylor, Anna Belle Kirkman, Lula Loving, Robert Steelman, Dorothy Matthews, Betty Hobson and Wanda Hobson.

The first four carriers of available records were; John Matthews, Gurney Hutchens, Lackey Hall and Gurney Hobson. Three of their substitutes were; Jimmy Wall, P. K. Matthews and Mr. Patterson.

At the retirement of Lackey Hall the four routes became three. At the retirement of Gurney Hobson the three routes became two. When Mr. Hutchens retired J. B. Jarratt was appointed. When Mr. Matthews retired L. H. Todd was appointed. Mr. Todd and Mr. Jarratt continued to carry these two routes until their retirement in 1972 and 1973 respectively. Mrs. Dorothy Matthews replaced Mr. Todd on route one and Mr. Thomas E. Coram replaced Mr. Jarratt on route two.

Siloam's one route was brought into the East Bend office. These routes were then combined and divided into three regular routes and one auxiliary route. J. W. Cook resigned as postmaster of the Siloam office and was assigned as carrier on route #3, with J. G. Foindexter as substitute of record. Mrs. Dorothy Matthews continued as carrier on route #1 with reduced milage. Mrs. Margaret Shore was appointed substitute of record to replace Edgar V. Wooten. Thomas B. Coram continued to carry route #2 with reduced milage. Stephen Coram is substitute of record for route #2. Stephen Coram was appointed auxiliary carrier for route #4, retaining his position as substitute for route #2. This left a need for a substitute to serve on route #4. Margaret Shore and J. G. Foindexter each received an appointment.

In December of 1973, Wade M. Hobson resigned as postmaster. James W. Cook was appointed postmaster in June 1974. At this time Edgar V. Wooten, former substitute of record for route #1, was appointed carrier for route #3 to replace Mr. Cook.

At the present time the East Bend Post Office has;

- One postmaster
- Two part-time flexible clerks
- Three rural route carriers
- One auxiliary route carrier
- Three substitute carriers

The following is a list of postmasters and their tenure in office:

Richard Phillips	1849 - 1866
Nancy Phillips	1/20/1866 - 6/7/1866
Dr. Evan Benbow	1866 -
Robert Poindexter	dates unknown
Azriah Horn	11/10/1874 - 4/18/1882
James M. Whittington	4/18/1882 - 1885
Azriah Horn	4/10/1885 - 1889
Jesse F. Williams	3/22/1889 - 1893
Azriah Horn	1893 - 1897
Sarah L. Williams	1897 - 1903
Bettie V. Whittington	3/5/1903 - 5/24/1914
Laura C. Huff	5/25/1914 - 1921
Bertha I. Hauser	1921 - 1932
J. Lee Norman	1932 - 1942
Ethel H. Martin	1942 - 1944
Edgar M. Martin	1944 - 1965
Betty H. Hobson (Acting PM.)	1965 - 1967
Wade M. Hobson	1967 - 1973
James W. Cook	1974 - 1977

Betty H. Hobson
Kenneth Huggins and Marvin Chebster served as O.I.C. respectively until June 1974, when J. W. Cook, present postmaster was appointed.

The above information was taken from the History of Yadkin County and the records of the East Bend Post Office.

The following is a list of gross receipts indicated by year shown:

1851 - \$	8.97	1965 - \$	12,473.36
1853	6.73	1966	13,981.35
1855	11.39	1967	15,425.08
1857	12.35	1968	16,546.94
		1969	17,981.22
1957	3,316.68	1970	18,285.44
1960	5,590.10	1971	18,914.15
1961	5,904.59	1974	24,817.93
1962	6,469.89	1975	28,213.36
1963	7,394.40	1976	35,267.55
1964	12,181.99	1977	34,969.01

The above records were taken from the Yadkin County History, old and current cash books in the East Bend Post Office.

Very few records are available on population served. The following is a four year record taken from carrier route sheets:

1974 - 1586 families
1533 boxes

1976 - 1750 families
1569 boxes

1975 - 1750 families
1571 boxes

1977 - 1716 families
1599 boxes

At this time approximately 350 families are post office box holders, and about 25 families are served from general delivery.

Very little information was available on mail volume. Mr. J. B. Jarratt related a story about leaving the post office with his newspapers in one hand and his stack of letters in the other hand. He estimated there were 32 newspapers and 25 to 50 letters. This was in the early nineteen forties.

The following was taken from mail count summaries for the past four years:

1974 - 55,227 pieces

1976 - 45,558 pieces

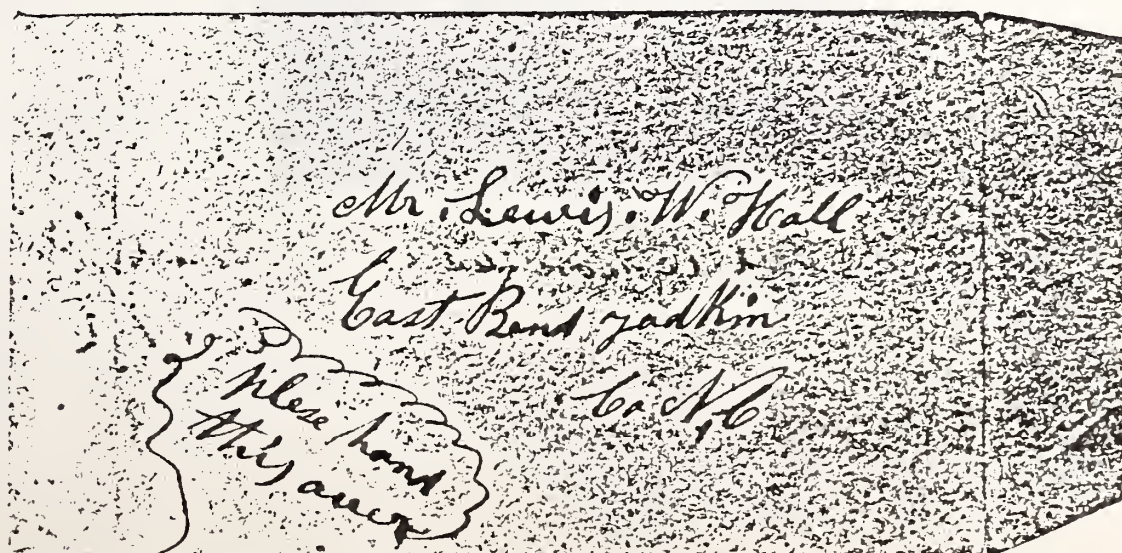
1975 - 44,862 pieces

1977 - 44,414 pieces

These figures represent the total pieces of mail counted for 6 days on 4 routes.

I began working for the post office in 1960. It was my observation that the mail volume increased each year until about 1969 and then declined or seemed to hold steady for a few years. At this point there seems to be an increase in volume.

It was interesting to find that my great grandfather Dr. Evan Benbow and my great aunt Bettie Whittington had each been postmaster in East Bend. I also learned that the house I now live in had at one time been used for the post office.



POST OFFICE

The building was built in 1962 by Howard Kiger. At that time was rented by Art Schlagel and used as a pharmacy and food bar. later J. T. and Ruth Hobson purchased the building and used for a cloth shop, later a day care center.

In 1964 Ross and Arlene Williams bought it and used as a florist. They operated the florist there for 11 years. Then leased it for what is now the post office.



Where Drummers Fared Well

The tradition of hospitality in East Bend has been continued to this day.

By ANNIE LEE SINGLETARY

Lucky was the traveling salesman in the last century who found himself at nightfall in the vicinity of the Drummers' Home at East Bend.

He was assured of ample room and board, plus a full-face view of Pilot Mountain—all for one dollar. The rate was eventually raised to \$2, but still included meals that could each include four or five different kinds of meat, homegrown vegetables (even corn, tomatoes, and fried apples for breakfast), and all the homemade pie, cake, jellies, preserves and pickles that a man could eat. Bread was home-baked, too, including always hot bis-

cuits. The sourwood honey to eat on them was produced there.

After serving for 77 years in its role as haven for salesmen and other transient businessmen, the Home was finally closed to them in 1923, but its tradition of open-handed hospitality has been continued to this day by members of the Horn family, mainly Juanita Horn Reid and her husband, Jim, who still live there. Patriotic observances, picnics, barbecues, chicken stews, club meetings, and gatherings of family and friends have long centered around the Home and its spacious grounds. Birthday celebrations for their daughter, Baldwin Horn Reid (now Mrs. Seth Tillman of Washington, D.C.) used to last for a week, with church, business, and club groups from Winston-Salem; classmates, friends and relatives from East Bend, all invited on different days. And Mrs. Reid baked a fresh pound cake every day.

No Paper Napkins

The dining room, with wide windows facing the Pilot, still has "Dining Room" lettered in gold on the door. "There never was a paper napkin used there," Mrs. Reid said, "only linen cloths and damask napkins." The big bell that has summoned hungry guests since before the Civil War still sounds its welcome note. It was used when Azariah Horn, Mrs. Reid's grandfather built the first Home in 1846. When that one burned down in 1914,



The Home has been closed to transients since 1923, but the sign now hangs in its original position.



Drummers Home, at East Bend (Yadkin County), the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Reid, is still a favorite gathering place for picnics, barbecues, chicken stews, club meetings and patriotic observances.

the present one was erected on the same site.

It stands just as sturdy on East Bend's main thoroughfare now as it did then. The square, white frame building has a porch completely around it with one side screened in for summertime eating. The remains of the ice-house lie behind it, with the log smokehouse that is still in use for storage and inhabited by a number of cats, who, uninvited, thrive on Reid hospitality. The 125 hooks for hanging hams are still in the smokehouse wall, where, according to Jim Reid, "they used to hang full all the time."

The first electricity used in the town was the Horns' Delco system that was housed in the old smokehouse. There was also only one telephone in East Bend, and, in an emergency, when repairmen had to come up to work on the line, Mrs. Horn always cooked for them and fed them even if it was after midnight when they finished. The big cabinets and pie larder, with bins usually kept full, were built into the dining room with a pass-through window to facilitate serving between kitchen and table.

No one was ever turned away, either, with the possible exception of a long-lost brother of Mrs. Horn, who knocked on the door one day after she had finally sat down to have a snack herself. Although her daughter informed the stranger that no more food would be served that day — dinner was always at noon, of course — he insisted on coming in, and food was spread for a joyous reunion.

The six guest rooms of the 12-room

house also still bear their numbers on the doors and are completely furnished, mainly in antiques. Each originally had a lamp, a stove, a woodbox, and washstand equipment in addition to the furniture.

Man and Beast

Azariah, who also operated a general store and the post-office, was succeeded by his son, Richard Baldwin Horn. Richard operated a livery stable, supplying dray and carriage service to Donnah, for passengers and goods to and from the nearest railway stop. There was also ferry service available at this point on the Yadkin River. The Home was located at the most convenient stopping place between Elkin and Winston-Salem, and when Mr. Horn travelled to Winston, himself, he stayed at the Zinzendorf Hotel.

"Good Fare for Man and Beast" was the motto of the Drummers' Home. There was a separate two-room building to house drivers and servants, who ate at the "second table" but fared no worse than those at the first. Among the names on the old register is that of "W. N. Reynolds and boy". There were also teachers from the old East Bend Academy and furniture salesmen who carried with them the doll-sized replicas of pieces they were peddling, samples highly prized today as antiques.

The Horns' dog probably profited more from one of the visitors than they did when one of the permanent guests, a dentist, put a gold crown on one of the dog's teeth!

Running the full length and breadth of the house is a huge attic, a real treasure trove of collected items, handmade quilts, antiques, and memories. The largest single collection, however, is housed downstairs in several cabinets with beveled glass doors. It consists of well over 500 dolls of every size, type and description given to Baldwin by well-wishers and family friends. They range from inch-long twins to life-size rag dolls, all dressed in clothes of amazing authenticity and detail. There is even one modelled on the owner herself, and wearing a copy of one of her own dresses. Mrs. Reid's collections of fine crystal, cut-glass and china, including a set of numbered Spode plates, fill shelves in the dining room.

People, in the words of Thoreau, "march to a different drummer" today. The distance from Winston to Elkin can be covered in an hour. The highway by-passes East Bend; the sack business is there no more; there is no railway to Donnah; many of the fine old homes have been closed or converted to other uses. Salesmen aren't called "drummers" any more, and one of them, in his \$40 a day hotel room — or more — without meals, probably doesn't have as much food set before him in a week as the drummers in East Bend had in one day.

But the Drummers' Home stands just where it has stood for decades, with its traditions intact and reminders everywhere still of the activity and fine hospitality that made it famous.



Photo was taken several years ago when Mrs. Reid (Juanita Horn) posed in the attic with the old sign. Notice the apostrophe placed below the "s" in "Drummers", said to be the accepted usage in earlier days.

Miss Nancy and Miss Millie Recall When Sewing Was Real Work of Art

By Elizabeth Trotman
Journal-Bee Staff Editor

EAST BEND, Aug. 10—Miss Nancy and Miss Millie Smitherman have been sewing fine seams for more years than they can remember. Miss Nancy is 82 years old. Her sister is 82. They cannot remember when they tailored their first coat or their first suit. They remember that they tailored a coat last fall, and they made a suit last spring.

"We don't do many of the hard things anymore," said Miss Millie.

"We used to tackle anything," said Miss Nancy. "We'd study it out. Sometimes it took a long time to figure. But then we'd do it."

Miss Nancy, like other creative artists, was born with a talent for sewing. It cropped out when she was a child. The woman who sewed for her family did not make a dress to suit the 10-year-old little Nancy.

"I thought I could do it better," Miss Nancy said. "And I've been sewing ever since." Miss Millie took up the art when she was about 20.

The two Smitherman girls became career seamstresses sort of like Topsy. They began sewing for their friends and giving hand-made gifts for weddings and Christmas. The first thing they knew "it just grewed" into full time careers.

Miss Nancy and Miss Millie moved from their parents' house

in Yadkin County into a house of their own at East Bend. That was over 50 years ago. For awhile they took boarders.

They remember one woman who came with her daughter to stay a week while they made the daughter's trousseau. Those were the days of hand-made underwear, trimmed in lace and entre deux. Feather stitching, hem stitching and French knots made sewing a fine art in those days.

There is not much demand for hand-made underwear any more. "They don't wear enough underneath now to go to all that trouble," said one of the sisters.

Miss Nancy and Miss Millie remember customers from Winston-Salem who would come early in the morning and have mid-day dinner between fittings. Miss Millie did most of the cooking. "I like housekeeping better than I do sewing," she said. "And I don't care anything for keeping house," said Miss Nancy. "I'd rather sew."

In their work, the sisters complement each other. Miss Nancy used to do most of the cutting and fitting, and Miss Millie did the handwork. Now it is the reverse. Miss Millie with seven years of youth on her side, does the cutting and fitting. Miss Nancy, who works often from a rocking chair with a lap board, does the hand work.

Although their activities have slowed down considerably, they are still in their places every day. They work in a downstairs front room. It is equipped with

cut-out counters along two sides of the wall, a sewing machine, cabinets and spools and spools of thread. Their front door opens onto the main Street of East Bend. Sometimes a male customer or two will stop in to ask Miss Nancy or Miss Millie to turn a trouser cuff, sew on a button or mend a rip.

Customers from Winston-Salem, Elkin and as far away as New York have been to the house in East Bend for fittings. One of the New York customers never came for a fitting. She sent measurements. And the sisters made as many as a dozen outfits for her.

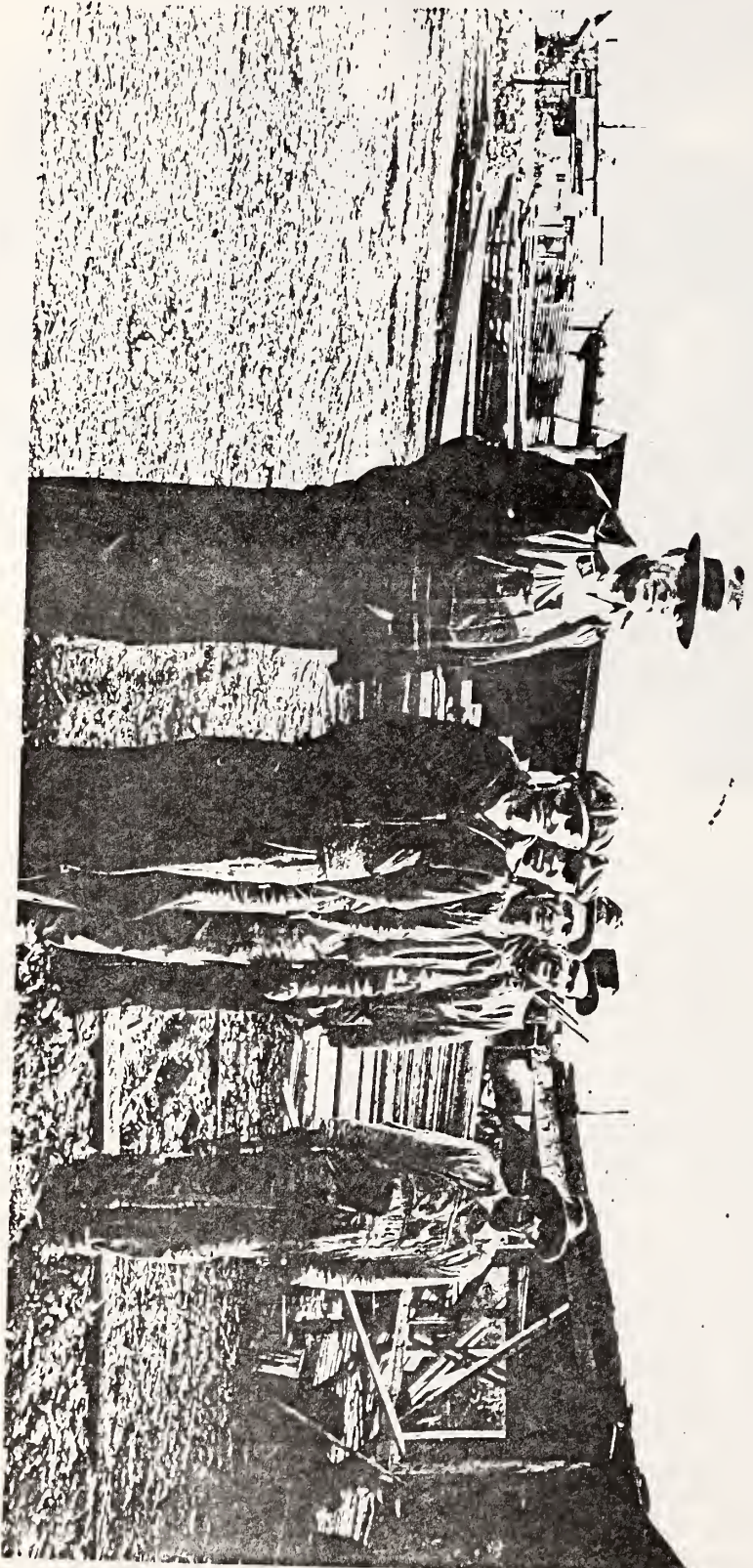
They used to make wedding dresses as well as other trousseau items. They remember one which was covered all over with French knots. They have a picture of another bride, wearing the satin and lace dress they made for her. Sewing for brides did not inspire either of them to get married. Their friends say they stayed single by choice. Miss Millie laughed and said, "The ones I could get I didn't want. And the ones I wanted I couldn't get."

Two little girls in East Bend are among the regular visitors who stop by to talk with Miss Nancy and Miss Millie. They go regularly for scraps to make doll clothes. Recently they took their sewing over to join the two professionals. With an eagle eye still on a perfect seam, Miss Nancy made them rip out some stitches and start hemming again.

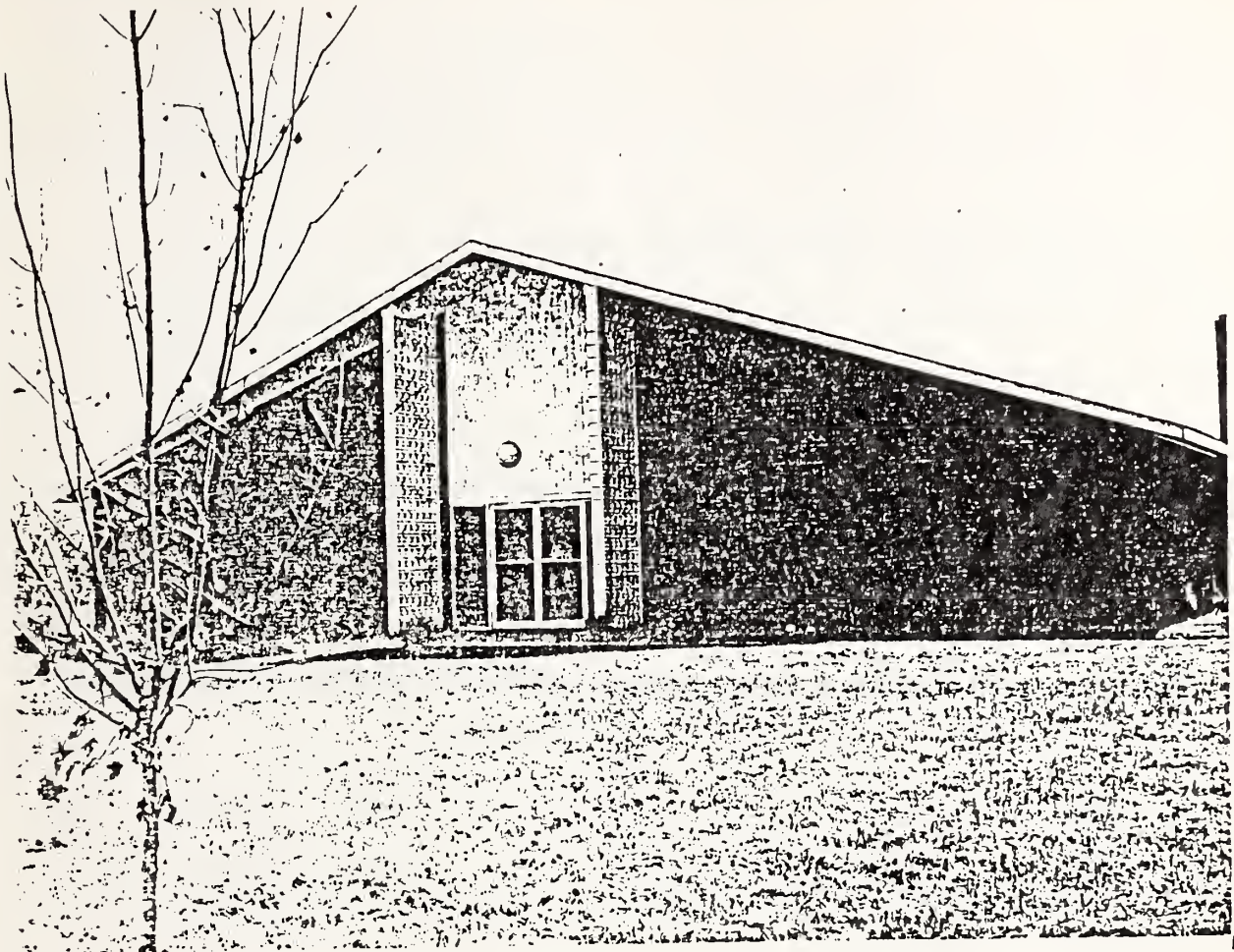
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Staff Photo by Jim Keith
Team Work Miss Nancy and Miss Millie Smitherman (left and right) have been sewing together for years.



SPEAS LUMBER COMPANY
operated in East Bend from 1937 to late 1950s



HUFF FUNERAL HOME

In 1873 J. G. Huff established an undertaking business along with his buggy factory.. making hearses, funeral hacks, and coffins.

In 1910 his son Charlie B. Huff graduated from Renouard School of Embalming in New York City becoming the first licensed embalmer in Yadkin County. He joined his father in the funeral business.

From the late 1920's till 1965 the business was operated by the partnership of Burchette and Huff.

In 1965 a new funeral home with chapel was constructed on a lot near the location of the buggy factory.

Richard Kent Huff, Jr. upon his graduation from Gupton Jones College of Mortuary Science in Atlanta, joined his father in the business. So for 114 years there has been a Huff Funeral business in East Bend.

BLAKLEY'S GARAGE

Gray Blakley built a garage building in 1946 and in July 1947 he opened a General Auto repair shop and had Gulf gas and oil. The owner of the building has not changed, however when Mr. Blakley decided to retire he leased his garage to Len Johnson and Micky Spillman. The garage name then became J & S Garage. The business is now under the name of Quality Muffler Shop, with owners of this bussiness being Tim Doub and Greg Miller.



East Bend Shop Rite

This Food Market was formed as East Bend Food Land Inc. in 1961 by Partners of Tickett and Huff, John M. Huff, Frank H. Pickett, C. B. Huff, Jr. (Buddy) and adding a new partner Thomas O. Smith. It is located on Highway # 67 East Bend By Pass, south side, east of Enon Road.

The business has been managed by John M. Huff since opening in November 1962. In 1976 to increase the buying power and advertising of the business the corporation joined the group of Shop Rite stores. It has employed six full time workers from the community and numbers of part time young men and women also working with Forbush High School in their Distributive Education Program since it's beginning.

Pickett and Huff

This Partnership was formed by John M. Huff, Frank H. Pickett and C. B. Huff, Jr. (Buddy) in 1946. John was manager. The building is two story located south of main street facing River Road, built on the original site of Banner Store, the first store in the community. It was opened for business August 1947 with a Grocery Store in one section of first floor. As World War II (1945) was just over, there was a big demand for appliances, furniture, and bedding. Since these items were scarce, the partners combed the east coast for any brand they could find to sell. General Electric Company took the store as a dealer in 1948 selling us the complete line. Kingsdown Bedding Company in 1947 was our first bedding company and we are still with them as they have served us well. Furniture was added quickly after opening from many companies. Bed room suites sold for \$99.00 up, mattress and springs sets for \$50.00

The business grew and the grocery store needed more space for ready prepared foods that came on the market, and cooling and freezing space, thus this part of the business moved to another location - becoming East Bend Food Land Inc.



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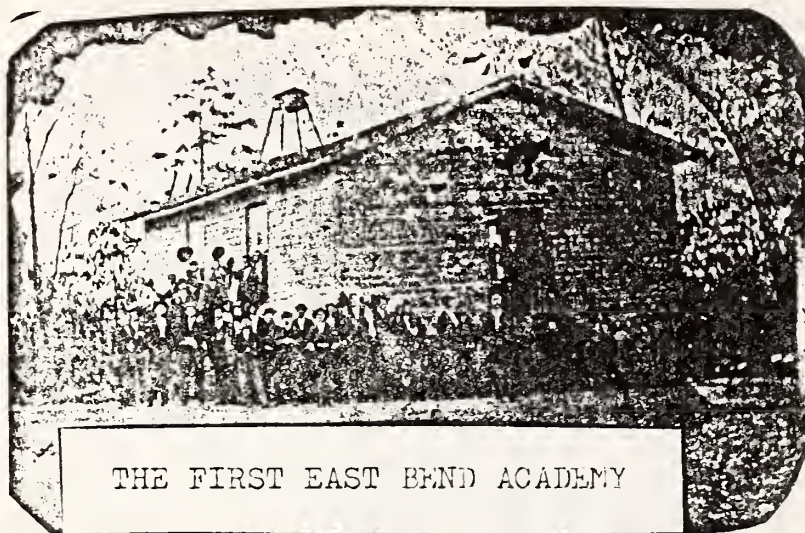
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EAST BEND HARDWARE

The land was bought from Dr. W. G. Leak heirs August 28, 1941 by Bruce Matthews and Bernard Matthews. A store was built in 1947 and opened for business in the spring of 1948 in the name of Matthews Hardware Company. P. K. Matthews, brother of Bruce and Bernard, agreed to operate the store. He bought one-third interest in the stock, and operated it until 1950 when Edna Matthews, wife of Bruce, and Hazel Matthews, wife of Bernard, took over operation and continued until December 31, 1972 when the store was sold to Mr. Sam Simmons. In July 1977 it was sold to Sentry Hardware.



THE FIRST EAST BEND ACADEMY

Schools



EAST BEND GRADED SCHOOL, East Bend, N. C.

OUTLINE HISTORY EAST BEND SCHOOL

East Bend One of First To Establish Academy In Yadkin 1855

By A. O. Joines

The educational campaign which has so recently been waged in Yadkin county has stimulated an unusual interest in the cause of education generally. This campaign led by our County Superintendent of



PROF. A. O. JOINES

Present principal of the East Bend High School

Schools, J. T. Reece, has placed Yadkin County in an enviable place in the history of modern education. This progress is but an outgrowth of the spirit of the work done in our schools in the earlier days. In the history of East Bend school we find stories of countless human sacrifices involving men and women whose names in the entirety could scarcely be mentioned in a brief history sketch such as this. But this community has been blessed with a large number of individuals whose visions, efforts and foresight, have made East Bend school what it is at present.

East Bend has three accomplishments of which she is justly proud:

1. She was one of the first, if not the first, communities to establish and maintain an Academy in Yadkin County,
2. She was the first in Yadkin County and one of the first in the small towns in North Carolina to establish a graded school.
3. She was the first community in Yadkin County to vote bonds for building a brick school building.

In 1855 Mr. Joseph Creel came to East Bend as pastor of the Baptist church. While serving in this capacity, he had a vision of higher education for East Bend and by virtue of this vision, he founded a school at East Bend from which grew the East Bend Academy. In 1859 a company of stockholders of the East Bend Academy was formed and as-

Mr. John Kinyoun was associated with Mr. Creel at this time and the stockholders were from the following counties: Caswell, Davie, Forsyth, Iredell, Surry, Stokes, Wilkes, and Yadkin.

These educational minded stockholders bought from John Kinyoun the plot of land on which our present school building stands. In 1859 there were approximately two hundred and fifty students from North Carolina, Mississippi, Texas and other states. Parallel with the Academy were private schools which were taught at different times. Three of these schools were: A school taught by Mrs. Sue H. Johnson in her home; a school taught by Mr. Crawley Benbow in the Baptist church; a third school taught by Mrs. Roberta Tomlinson in a house just across from the Baptist church.

Several students of the East Bend Academy became in later years leading figures in the educational history of our state. Among these were A. A. Anderson, Mrs. Eliza Kinyoun and Honorable Frank Loville of Watauga county, a great educational leader and a man who was one of the leading forces which established the Appalachian State Teachers College at Boone, North Carolina; Mr. John G. Marler, who represented Yadkin county in the state legislature on more than one occasion, and Mr. John Holman of Iredell County, known as the father of the free school system in North Carolina.

In 1855-56 the costs for attending the East Bend School were:

Boarding, washing, fuel, rooms and furniture per month \$8.50;

The Elementary course per term of five weeks, \$5.00

English course, \$10.00.

Classical course, \$15.00.

Engineering, \$17.00.

Modern Language extra, \$5.00.

Each student required to pay 25c for fuel consumed in schoolroom.

Roll East Bend School 1855-56

Young Gentlemen

E. M. Anderson, H. C. Baker, J. W. Burk, L. Caudle, P. Caudle, S. Choplin, J. K. Connelly, J. C. Conrad, W. A. Conrad, R. A. Culor, W. W. Culor, S. C. Davis, J. F. Fletcher, W. A. Fletcher, J. F. M. Frost, W. A. Hart, A. Harris, T. Hamlin, F. M. Henricks, C. Holyfield, W. A. Hurt, J. A. Jarrett, W. O. Jones, N. R. Kerr, G. M. Kimbrough, H. T. Lewis, C. F. Lovill, H. P. Lovill, M. R. Loville, W. W. Long, J. Marion, J. G. Marler, J. W. Martin, J. P. Mirrs, J. P. Nickoldson, J. L. Nickoldson, E. Qerby, R. T. Parks, J. D. Phillips, G. H. Phillips, D. F. Poindexter, M. T. Poindexter, W. G. W. Poindexter, R. A. Poindexter, H. D. Poindexter, H. S. Puryear, N. M. Sales, W. H. Shepherd, S. P. Smith, J. Spillman, J. M. Taylor, J. G. Truelove, A. M. Womack, R. A. Womack, T. P. Webb, N. L. Williams, L. York, T. York.

Young Ladies

L. Apperson, M. A. Baker, M. F. Baker, S. E. Hartgrave, S. E. Lovill, M. R. Lovill, N. J. Lovill, S. A. Myers, P. A. V. Martin, M. A. C. Marler, M. Poindexter, F. L. Poindexter, S. A. Simpson, M. J. Webster, F. A. Webster, R. C. Webster, S. Webster.

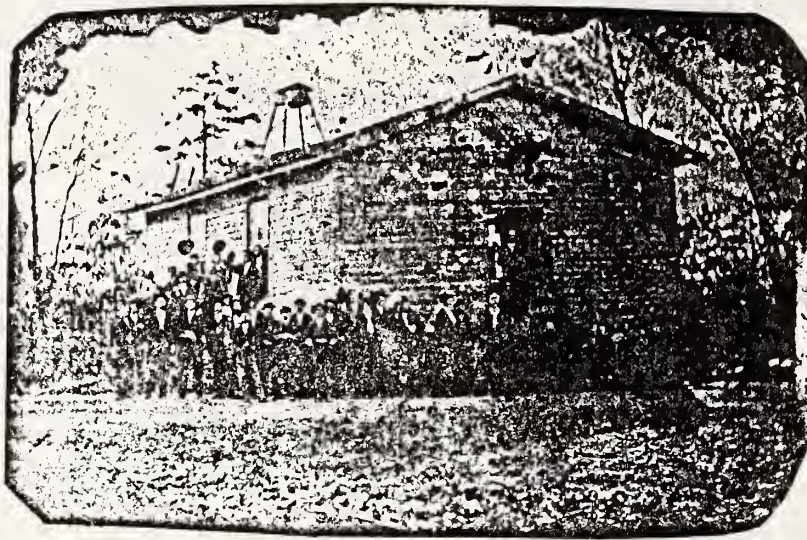
Creel were professors John Marler and Livermore Weaver. Mr. Moses Baldwin followed Mr. Weaver in 1867, making East Bend Academy one of the most progressive institutions of the state. During this period East Bend was known as a Baptist school and a host of men now Baptist ministers were students of the Academy. Reverend C. F. Conrad of Charlotte, the man who surpassed all other ministers in building churches in North Carolina, was a student of the East Bend Academy. The late F. T. Baldwin, at one time judge of Forsyth County Court, was another outstanding student of the East Bend school. Other students who have become outstanding individuals in their respective professions are: Dr. W. E. Benbow, Dr. J. L. Speas, Mr. F. M. Bohannon, Mr. J. F. Griffith, Mr. H. D. Poindexter and Mrs. Mattie J. Hall, founder of the "Yadkin Ripple."

Professor L. A. Speas, a graduate of Wake Forest College, followed Mr. Baldwin as active principal of the Academy. After having served as

principal for two years he moved to Huntsville, leaving the principalship to Dr. J. M. Matthews. Dr. Matthews served in the capacity of Principal until a new company of stockholders was formed. This new company built a larger and finer school building and used the old structure for a supply building. With the construction of the new building, the East Bend Academy became the East Bend High School. The new East Bend High School was headed by Professor T. S. Whittington, a great educator and leader. Professor D. M. Weatherby succeeded Mr. Whittington as principal. The school next passed under the leadership of Professors Hodgkin and Ward.

Mr. John T. Benbow took charge of the school after Mr. Ward, and with the aid of his brother, F. B. Benbow, he was able to instill new life into the school and the largest number of boarding students since 1859 were equipping themselves for their duties in later life. When the Benbow boys made law their profession, the school was directed through the years by the following men: Mr. Johnson, Mr. Browning, Mr. Dan Matthews, Mrs. Henley and Mr. S. J. Honeycutt, whose influence helped to give us the great school which we have at present; and Mr. Beach.

The Charter for the East Bend School was then granted and this marked another important step in the progress of the East Bend High School. The bonds for the construction of the new building were voted and sold during the principalship of Mr. C. F. Benbow, but the war and accompanying conditions delayed the erection of the new building until some years after the granting of the charter. In 1923 under the skillful management of Dr. W. G. Leak, H. M. Wilhelm, and J. Lee Norman, a modern school building was actually started. These men were fortunate in having Mr. Frank Kirk as architect and foreman on the new project. These men with the assistance of the entire community constructed a most excellent school building out of ma-



The pleasure of your company
is solicited at a Party to be
given by the Students of
East Bend Academy on the
evening of Dec. 13th 1872.

Managers.

J. H. Martin. J. H. Davis.
H. V. Baldwin. B. F. Smith.

Joseph R. Creel, an East Bend Baptist minister, founded a
school from which sprang East Bend Academy. It operated from
1856-1889.

Around the year 1882 "Aunt Sue" Johnson taught school in a small one room building across the street from where the J. H. Johnson house now stands.



East Bend Academy became known as Union High School in 1890. A new two-story building was built in 1892, still being referred to as the Academy Building. In this same building, East Bend Graded School was chartered in 1901.

Commencement Exercises,
UNION HIGH SCHOOL,
 EAST BEND N. C.,
 1893.

THURSDAY, 1:30, P. M.

Quartette—Drifting with the Tide,..... Laura Benbow & others
 Little Jim,..... Carrie Huff. *171111*
 True Source of Contentment,..... Beattie Martin. *171111*
 An Apology for Flirtation,..... May Tomlinson. *171111*
 The Retort,..... Mattie Huff. *171111*
 A Little Girl's Speech,..... Della Allen. *171111*
 The Boy Who Minds His Mother,..... Mattie Huff. *171111*
 Over Worked,..... Daisy Martin.

RECITER'S CONTEST.

May Queen of Scott,..... Myrtle Felts.
 Hiawatha's Wooing,..... Alice O. Davis.
 The Famine,..... Flora Prim.
 Ostler Joe,..... Beatrice Wade.
 On The Frontier,..... Lela Williams.
 College Oil Cans,..... Laura O. Benbow.
 The Orphan Children,..... Heaster Mathews.
 The Ride of Paul Venarez,..... Lillie Martin.
 The Sioux Chief's Daughter,..... Bertha Huff.
 Bernardo Del Carpio,..... Maggie Leak.

THURSDAY, 7:30, P. M.

Quartette—We Come With Hearts,..... F. Benbow & others.
 Cantata,..... Merry Company.
 The Bet,..... By two Characters.
 Song,..... Jack and Jill.
 Dar's De Money,..... By Two Characters
 Inst. Duet—The Story of Two Girls Who Went a Fishing,
 Misses Whittington and others.
 Comic Speech,..... H. O. Sapp.
 Vocal Solo—Oh I Don't Come a Wooing,..... Miss Alice Davis.
 Cantata—Jolly Farmers.

FRIDAY, 10, A. M.

Quartette—Like as a Father Pitteth his Children,..... Miss Flora Prim.
 Results of Time,..... Richard A. Stanford.
 To the Front,..... Irvin C. Shore.
 American and Americans,..... S. E. Hall.
 The Beauties of Nature,..... Luther Mathews.
 Success That Fails,..... Stephen Malloy.
 The Destiny of the South,..... John L. Woitz.

FRIDAY, 1:30, P. M.

Duet—The Hour of Parting,..... Misses Prim & Vogler.

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W. M. CUNDIFF.

DECLAMER'S MEDAL.

THOMAS PHILLIPS ESQ.

RECITER'S MEDAL.

MRS. FRANCIS JENKINS.

Valedictory,..... Alfred L. Stanford.

DELIVERING OF REPORTS.

BENEDICTION.

Ruth Tomlinson



THURSDAY, 10, A. M.

Quartette—O Rose of May-time,..... I. C. Shore and others.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

REV. J. M. MATTHEWS.

Salutatory,..... Bessie Whittington.
 Boy's Rights,..... Brewster Huff.
 The Bay,..... Clyde Booker.
 Good Enough,..... Lonnie Martin.
 The Watermelon,..... James Choplin.
 Do It To-day,..... E. E. Houser.
 Do You Best,..... J. W. Allen.
 Milking Time,..... Benbow Whittington.
 Boy's Complaint,..... H. L. Apperson.
 The Old North State,..... John Ross.

DECLAMATION CONTEST.

Mechanical Institutes,..... D. C. Norman.
 Scholar's Mission,..... L. G. Norman.
 Our Duty to the Republic,..... J. L. Woolen.
 Aim of Philosophy, The Purpose of Genius,..... R. B. Horn.
 The Price of Liberty,..... Alphonso Spillman.
 The River of Time,..... W. A. Stanford.
 Out-look of the Southern Republic,..... R. F. Linville.
 Ideas, the Life of a People,..... W. G. Leake.
 The Destiny of the Human Mind,..... J. E. Hutchens.
 America, Her Glory and Her Shame,..... H. O. Sapp.
 The Variety of Pride,..... J. R. Henderson, Jr.
 Description of the Judgment Day,..... E. F. Craven.
 Education of the Present Time,..... D. W. Spear.
 Valley Forge,..... A. P. Felts.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING EXERCISES

East Bend School Auditorium

Thursday Evening May 16, 1929, 8:00 P. M.

Chorus, "June Song".....High School Girls
Welcome Address.....Brewer Hutchens

Play-- "The World Outside"

CHARACTERS

ACT I.

Janitor.....
All Senior Class.....

ACT II.

Historian,.....Kathleen Steele
Father Time.....Brewer Hutchens

Seven Stages of Life :

Mother and Child	-	-	-	{	Lillian Davis
				{	Blue Eyes
Childhood	-	-	-	{	Edward Norman
				{	Hazel Ammons
High School Age	-	-	-		Group of Seniors
Lovers	-	-	-	{	Bernice Norman
				{	Paul Davis
Middle Age	-	-	-		Gypsie Hall
Old Age	-	-	-		Wesley Hobson
Death	-	-	-		Etta Blakely

Fairy Queen.....Margaret Ellen Huff
Eight Spirits.....First Grade Children
Tempter.....Paul Davis
Eight Sophomore Demons.....Grade Boys
Athletics.....Group of Seniors
Spirit of Learning.....Freddie Matthews

ACT III.

Prophetess.....Eula Norman
Father Time.....Brewer Hutchens
Class Mascot.....Richard Horn

Presentation of Key to Junior Class..Cecil Adams
Class Giftorian.....Grace Bowman
Valedictorian.....Margaret Ellen Huff
Presentation of Diplomas.....A. H. Braswell
Farewell Song.....Senior Class

MARSHALS

MARVIN WARD, Chief

Clyde Adams Conrad Taylor
Edith Hutchens Ruby Davis

UNION HIGH SCHOOL

DECLAMER'S CONTEST.

JUNE 5TH, 10 A. M. '893

CHORUS. Juanita.....VOCAL
RECITATION. The Lucky Horse Shoe.....RUTH
INSTRUMENTAL DUET.....B. HENDERSON and L. WHITTIN
DECLAMATION. Jimmy Broom's Sister's Wedding. C. WHITTIN
AN ADDRESS TO YOUNG PERSONS.....Eli F. Cr
VOCAL DUET. In the Starlight, L. BENBOW and B. WHITTIN
DECLAMATION. Rum selling, Our Country's Scourge
and the Remedy.....GABRIEL PATTI
RECITATION. The Wild Goose Chase.....BERTHA
INSTRUMENTAL DUET. Schottische.....F. PRIM and L. P
RECITATION. The Ride of Jennie McNeal.....BESSIE WHITTIN
VOCAL SOLO. The Journey is Long.....LELA WHITTIN
RECITATION. The Ride of Great-Grand Mother Lee. L. O. B
DECLAMATION. North Carolina.....WILLIE G. PATTI
CHORUS. Take me back to Home and Mother.....VOCAL
RECITATION. Kentucky Philosophy.....ADDIE L. HENDI
DECLAMATION. The True Honor of Man.....JAMES E. C
INSTRUMENTAL SOLO. Rock a Bye Baby, BESSIE WHITTIN
RECITATION. The Child is Father to the Man.....EVA
DECLAMATION. Seek until you find and your Labor
will not be lost.....C. A. I
VOCAL DUET. What are the Wild Waves saying
LELA WHITTINGTON and WILEY POINDI
DECLAMATION. Sunny South.....LUTHER M. MATT
RECITATION. Whistling in Heaven.....FLORA
VOCAL DUET. Gobble Song, BESSIE and CHARLIE WHITTIN
RECITATION. Kentucky Belle.....LELA M.
CHORUS.....VOCAL

Annual Announcement.

**Union
High
School,**
East Bend, N. C.

1899.--1900.

"Good education is that which gives to the body a
to the soul all the perfection of which they are capab
...Pla

Calendar.

The Fall Term will Open August 8, 1899.
The Fall Term will Close December 22nd, 1899.
The Spring Term will Open January 1st, 1900.
The Spring Term will Close May 17-18, 1900.

Trustees.

J. T. Benbow, President.
W. N. Horn, Secretary.
J. N. Miller.

THE CHESTNUT RIDGE SCHOOL

Chestnut Ridge School probably began around 1850. For several years there was little progress.

There had been a log building on the site of the present location. It was used until 1916 when another building was erected on the location of the first building. It was told that no school was in session when the new building was done.

The ground was well drained. A little dirt road was in good repair and the surrounding area of woods was attractive.

There was one main door for an entrance. There was a small porch area which contained two small rooms opening into the main area where all work was done. There were three windows in the building.

The building was heated with a large cast iron stove in the middle of the room. A sand box was about eight inches larger than the stove, which was placed under the stove for safety.

The two small rooms had shelves for lunch buckets, or boxes, and hooks for coats and caps.

There were two recitation benches near the center of the room. There were other benches on the south side of the room under the window area. There were several nice desks and the teacher's desk and chair, which had springs and leather bottom covering.

Boys sat on one side of the room and girls sat on the other side. Students were permitted to move near the stove when it was necessary.

There was a neat little shelf on the wall of the porch that held a bucket and a dipper that held drinking water.

On the teacher's desk was a small bell, a Bible, one song book, a roll book and sometimes a switch.

At one time there were large pictures of Washington, Lincoln, Longfellow and Emerson on the wall.

The enrollment averaged around 35 - 40. Older students helped younger ones with their work. Girls did house cleaning and boys brought in wood and kept the fire going, and went to a neighbor's well twice a day for drinking water.

There was a ball diamond across the road where older boys played ball. Small children and girls played on the south side of the building. Some days everyone played tap or singing games. Sometimes girls made playhouses by sweeping clean areas in nearby woods, making make-believe furniture out of green and white moss.

The Chestnut Ridge School
Page 2

There was no transportation except when parents sometimes brought their children to school. Parents also seemed to be largely responsible for the discipline of their children in those days.

There were few distractions from the outside world, and most everyone seemed to be happy.

This setup lasted until the Chestnut Ridge School children were taken in with the East Bend School. Later, other schools were consolidated. The nearby school for black children, Piney Ridge, later burned down. Black students were then transferred to the Chestnut Ridge School where white students had previously attended. They then called it the Piney Ridge School. Mrs. Ruby Roberts taught black students at the Chestnut Ridge/Piney Ridge school for some twenty years. According to some of her students she was an outstanding teacher. She is still living in Winston-Salem.

The black children attended this school until the early 1950s, when all black students began attending the school for black students in Boonville.

With the passage of the school consolidation bond vote in 1965, provisions were made for the construction of the Forbush and Starmount Schools. With this accomplished, all black students were then integrated into the Yadkin County Schools.

Some of the teachers were:

Ruby Fleming
Collie Taylor
Lillie Speer-Phillips
Nora Ward
Annie Apperson Martin
Waver Poindexter
Permelia Hall
Fannie Sills Martin
Nina Davis Reece
Myrtle Tomlinson
Mallie Thomasson
Beulah Poindexter
Ella Davis Doub
Eva Davis Poindexter
Mattie P. Johnson

As Remembered By:
Eugenia Poindexter



Early Chestnut Ridge School



Last Chestnut Ridge School
on Butner Mill Road



PINEY LEVEL SCHOOL



EAST BEND SCHOOL



Old Shady Grove School

PINEY LEVEL SCHOOL

Piney Level School was built in or around 1890. With a teacher who name was Mr. Pete Harris and Mrs Mattie Puryear taught school a few years and in early 1927, the year I remember I went to school and we had then my first year in school. My teacher was Mrs. Cara Hanton, we had school in Piney Level until the Piney Level burned in 1935 or 1936. Our teacher's name at the time the school burn down was Mrs. Lillie Hairston from Winston-Salem N. C. the school committee at that time Mr. John Porter, Mr. J. R. Thomas and Mr. Richard Jarrett. Other teachers that taught in Chestnut Ridge for Blacks. Mr. J. L. Lash, Mrs. Ruby Roberts was the last teacher who taught in Chestnut Ridge. We had only one class room, our heat was a wood heater.

by Elsie Mae Smith



Thoughts and Recollections of East Bend,
North Carolina 1941-43

I have fond memories of teaching at East Bend High School and boarding with Mr and Mrs. Henry Davis. Frances Snow and I roomed together. Mr. Love and Andrew Thomasson were returning teachers. It was Bill Ferguson's first year. Mr. Love and Mr. Thomasson took turns driving to school. Each had a car.

On Saturdays we often went shopping and to the movies in Winston-Salem.

It was customary in East Bend to attend Sunday School in your own church, then going, one Sunday each month "to preaching" at the Baptist or Methodist Church or Friends Meeting. Such a fine way to live!

Mr. Henry Davis supervised the landscaping at the Baptist Church. He'd just announce "a working" at the church - that the sign was right! Such well kept church grounds! His gardens and home grounds were also well kept.

Mrs. Davis was an excellent cook, always busy preparing meals, canning fruits and vegetables for winter.

East Bend School had all grades 1-11. School opened in September for 8 months.

The Home Economics class rooms were in one end of the gymnasium. The kitchen, dining / lunch room area was on the first floor. We had a wood / coal range and 6 tables, seating 24. The sewing ^{class} room was upstairs over the kitchen. We had several cabinet model Singer sewing machines plus one electric model.

So many of these students were so accomplished

- (1) Brice Johnson an 8th grader made the most beautiful button holes;

- (2) Laura Louise Davis canned turnip greens;
- (3) Charles Speer had perfect attendance until mumps in 10th grade; then as a senior, he attended the tobacco market in Winston-Salem for the first time. Many students missed school on a regular basis to attend the tobacco market.

One afternoon, in early fall, Mr. Garrison principal announced, in the weekly teachers meeting, that the lunch room would open on Monday and that Miss Morison would be in charge.

Mrs. Annie Poindexter, who lived nearby was our lunchroom manager/cook. She was assisted by high school girls who worked during their study hall or lunch hour. They prepared delicious, hot soup and a dessert/side dish from canned fruits and vegetables brought in by school children in exchange for lunch. The girls also received their lunch. Before school each day Mrs. Poindexter went by Smitherman's grocery for a soup bone.

Despite our limited seating/sewing area it was a happy group.

In addition to home room, lunchroom and 4 home economics classes I had an 11th grade chemistry class! Milton Sewell was an outstanding pupil who had had chemistry sets since early childhood! He was a most helpful and supportative pupil. Our chemical supplies were very limited; therefore, our experiments were practical. one of the most

interesting was making homemade mayonnaise and then preparing a variety of sandwiches, which we ate.

Two historical events took place during my first year at East Berd. The first was Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. The second, registration for sugar rationing in the spring of 1942. Teachers, of course assisted with this program.

Dec. 7, 1941 was a cold, cloudy Sunday. I heard the news of Pearl Harbor in Winston-Salem as I changed buses for East Berd, as I returned from the weekend with my parents in Davidson, N.C. The Winston bus station was crowded. People listened in stunned silence as radio announcers repeated the terrifying news.

Mr. Love and Mr. Thomasson were waiting when my bus stopped in front of Mr. Davis'. We talked for a long time, each anxious and wondering how our lives would be affected.

Mr. Thomasson married, Ruth Holton, of Winston-Salem within a few weeks. He entered service and did not return to East Berd for

the 1942-43 school year. But Ferguson also enlisted and didn't return. Students, friends and family either enlisted or were drafted. Three of my brothers would be overseas and Frances Snow also had brothers overseas.

Teachers assisted in registration for sugar rationing in the spring of 1942. No sugar was sold during the week of April 27. Then, in order to buy sugar one needed coupons from sugar rationing books. An adult registered for each member of his household, giving name and address, height, weight, color of eyes and hair; number and relationship of others in the household, the amount of sugar at home (which was deducted from their quotas). A sugar ration book was issued for each person in the family good for a year's supply.

I cherish the friendships I formed at East Bend. I correspond with Louise Davis Poindexter, Frances Snow, Mr. & Mrs. Love, and Yvonne. Norman Owen, especially at Christmas time.

I wish for you the people of East Bend much success in the future. I'm glad to have lived there.

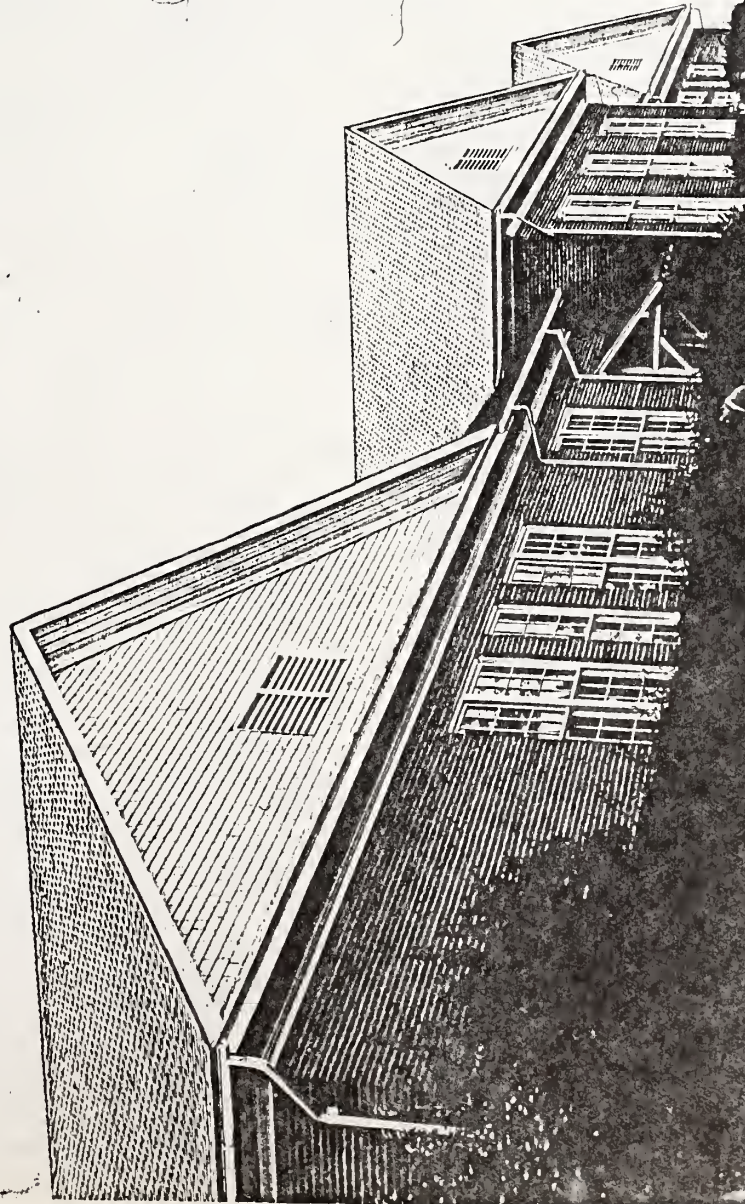
(Mrs) Margaret Morrison Umberger

Feb-1987

ALMA MATER

Hail, Alma Mater—Dear old friendly school,
Where we are guided by the golden rule,
Wise, kindly teachers; classmates tried and true—
We'll cherish always, memories of you.

Hail to Old Glory; banner of the free!
Waving above this school of liberty—
Dear Alma Mater, we'll be ever true;
And cherish always, memories of you.



In 1916, East Bend citizens voted to build a new school. However, World War I began and delayed the building until 1921. A gymnasium was built in 1934.

Main School Building Is Burned at East Bend

Loss Placed At \$200,000

By GENE WHITMAN
Staff Reporter

EAST BEND—The main building of East Bend High School and Elementary School burned to the ground before daylight this morning, at a loss of more than \$200,000.

Destroyed were 17 classrooms, the main auditorium, administrative offices of the high school and elementary unit, the power plant, technical apparatus, supplies and equipment. The cause was not known.

Fire consumed school records extending back into the 1920s. Officials said educational records of three generations of Yadkin County residents were gone forever.

The fire was discovered at 3:30 a.m. when the flames burst through the roof. Almost within seconds, driven by the wind, they had raced through the block-long structure.

The roaring bonfire lighted the East Bend community and sent flames shooting far into the sky. The glow from the spectacular pillar of fire could be seen all the way to Winston-Salem.

Six fire companies from Yadkin County and three from Forsyth, assisted by the Stokes Rescue Squad, didn't have a chance to save the main building.

But their efforts were successful in saving other, newer buildings of the school complex. They even kept the fire from spreading along an overhead walkway to the lunchroom and science building about 20 feet away.

The firemen also kept the flames from the gymnasium and the agriculture building. A mobile classroom nearby had the paint burned off its wall but was not destroyed.

Brick Structure

The building which burned was the handsome brick structure which extended for about one block along the front of the school layout. It was in a green lawn with a grove of pines on one side, one block west of the N. C. 67 Bypass, but facing this main highway.

The original building was erected in the early '20s. Newer structures were placed farther back on the school grounds.

The fire was discovered by the Bill Johnson family, who live about 100 yards north of the school. Johnson had become ill during the night, and they were returning with him from the emergency room at Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, where he had been taken for treatment.

"As we drove by, my sister, Miss Treva Hutchins, saw fire beginning to come out of the roof around the chimney," said Mrs. Johnson. "She nudged me, and pointed."

"We ran into the house and I tried to use the telephone, but I didn't have my glasses."

"Clyde (Clyde Lane, another relative) ran over to the fire house and pulled the siren."

The East Bend fire station is only a few yards from the school, but the flames spread so fast that the entire building was burning before the firemen could deploy their trucks.

Companies from Yadkinville, Forbush, Courtney, Boonville and Fall Creek in Yadkin County and from Vienna, Old Richmond and Lewisville in Forsyth arrived to help. For the main buildings, it was useless.

"All the fire equipment here and in Winston-Salem couldn't have saved that building," said a neighbor, Plato Matthews, who works at a Winston-Salem warehouse. "The fire spread too fast."

Fire Still Burning

At dawn, the fire was still burning, but the main building had been reduced to rubble.

Yadkin School Supt. Fred Hobson and East Bend Principal Tom Wooten surveyed the damage and tried to make temporary plans for continuing school.

"The fire destroyed facilities for the entire 350 students in the elementary school and some of the 220 in the high school," said Hobson.

"We can't have any school for several days, because the heating equipment and other apparatus was destroyed. We will have to run power lines and make other arrangements."

"After that, we will try to operate the high school, using the buildings which we have left."

"I don't know yet what we can do about reopening the elementary school. Several organizations—the American Legion, fire department and churches—have offered their buildings."

The Yadkin County Board of Education scheduled a special meeting for 2 p.m. today, to discuss the problem and try to make arrangements for temporary quarters and for rebuilding.

Hobson said the building was insured with the N. C. Board of Education insurance division. But one problem was that it could not be replaced at present building costs for anything like its depreciated value.

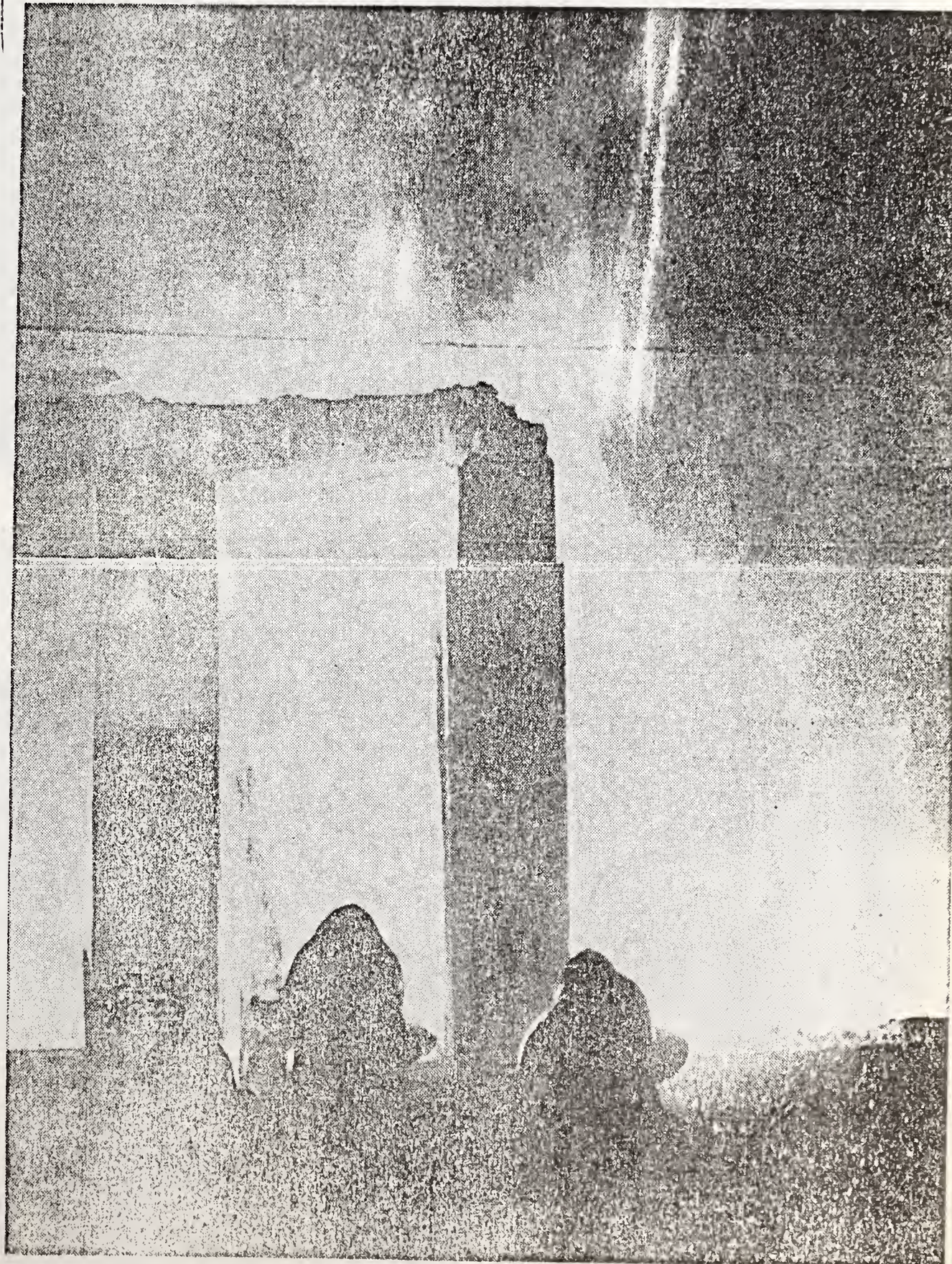
The insurance on the building was about \$125,000, it was understood. But it would probably cost well over \$200,000 to replace it with a modern structure of the same size, plus cost of various equipment.

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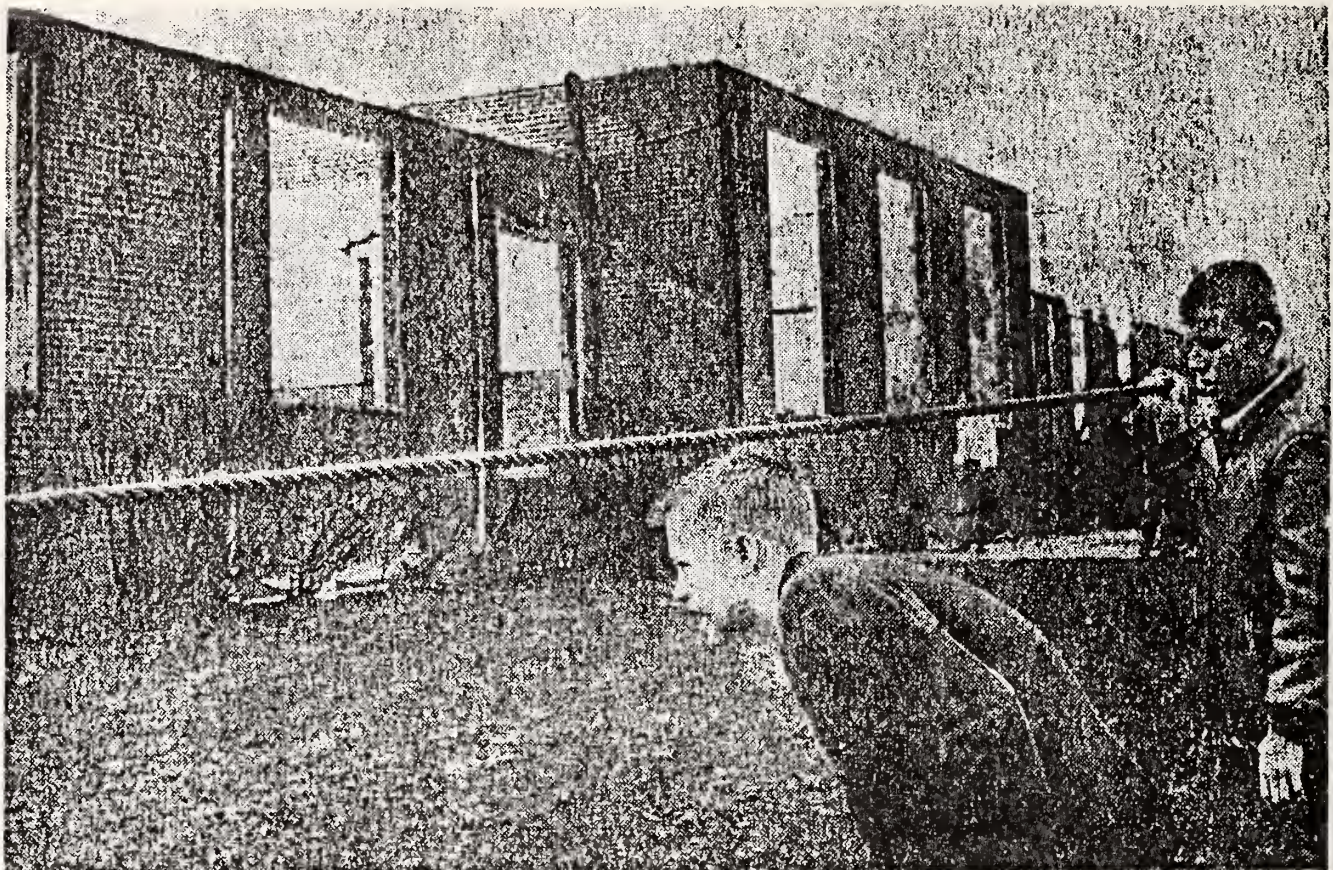
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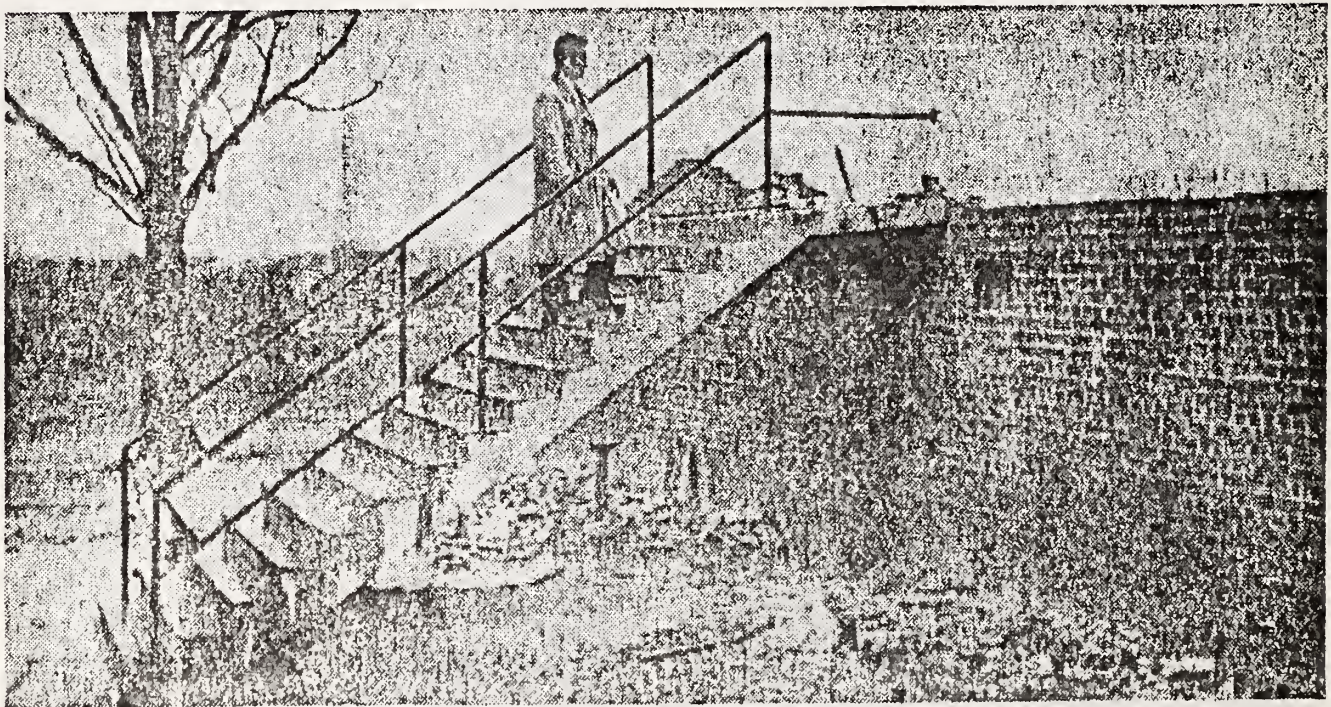


Firemen battle white-hot flames of East Bend High School.

Staff Photos by Tom Pitts

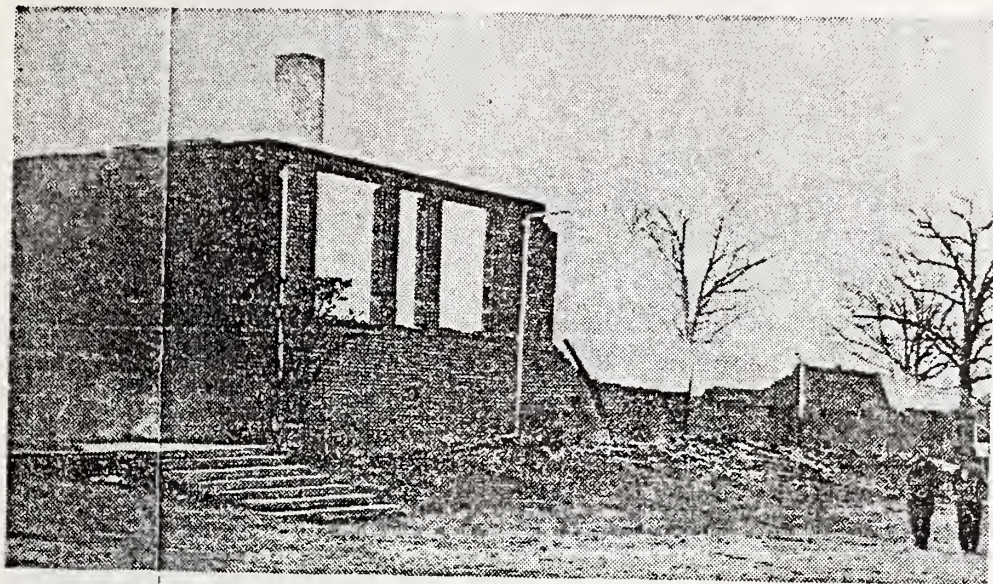


Going for a closer look at school ruins are Jimmy Hobson, holding rope, and Jerry Gregory.

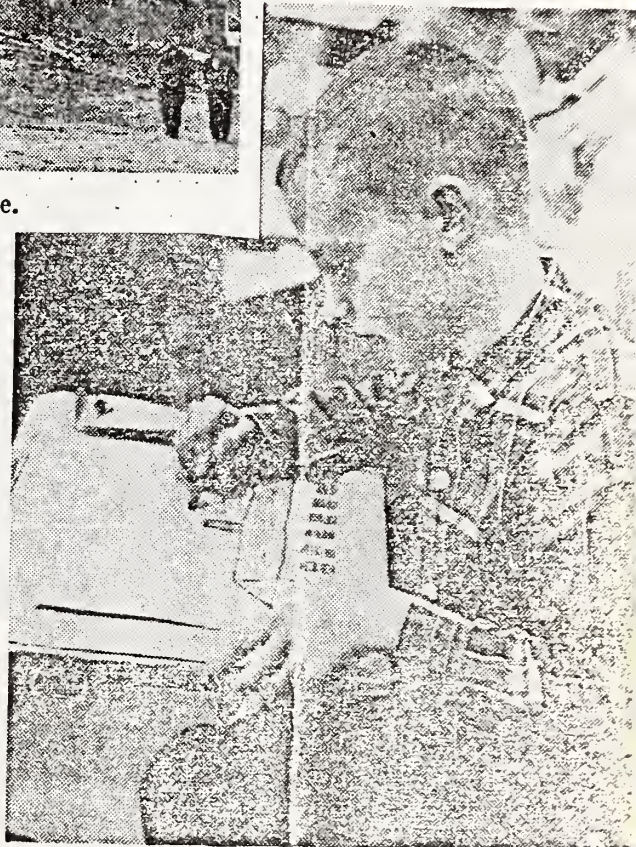


Staff Photos by Jeanette Reid

Teacher Robert Crissman goes up the steps which led to his classroom.



At dawn, main building is smoking rubble.



Terry Hunt in drawing session chooses as a subject a schoolhouse on fire.



Neighboring family who turned in the alarm: Clyde Lane and wife, Ruth; Miss Treva

East Bend School Burns

By Gowan H. Caldwell
Journal and Sentinel State Editor

EAST BEND — Fire which started in the roof of the 40-year-old main building at East Bend School destroyed the 16-classroom and auditorium structure early yesterday at a loss of about \$144,000.

Fourteen volunteer fire companies from four counties fought the spectacular blaze that was discovered about 3:30 a.m.

Flames were bursting through the roof when the fire was discovered.

Fred C. Hobson, superintendent of Yadkin County schools, said yesterday the structure, erected in 1923 and added to in 1935, was valued at \$127,000. The loss in equipment totaled \$17,000.

The entire loss was covered by insurance which was held by the State Department of Public Instruction, Insurance Division. Although 14 units and many

volunteers fought the stubborn blaze for about four hours, no one was injured.

Firemen won praise from the Yadkin County Board of Education. A board spokesman said that the firemen prevented the blaze spreading to the two buildings adjoining the main structure. These housed the gym, lunchroom, home economics department, library and science department.

The Board of Education, composed of Harold Steelman of Yadkinville, chairman; Leon Thomasson of Hamptonville, W. H. Poindexter Jr. of East Bend, Lindbergh W. Swaim of Jonesville and Edwin M. Speas of Boonville, met in special session yesterday afternoon and authorized plans for getting the East Bend school back into operation.

Hobson said the board authorized Stinson, Hall and Hine, Winston-Salem architects, to draw plans for an elementary

school to replace the destroyed building.

Hobson said the board emphasized that this was merely a preliminary plan. The new building is to be along modern lines and fireproof. The board said the amount to be spent was not discussed. However, it was agreed that it would cost almost double the amount of money to be received from insurance.

The school superintendent said plans for opening the school were not definite but it is hoped to get everything ready by Monday.

The board authorized repairs and additional plumbing, heating and electrical work for the gymnasium, workshop, lunchroom and mobile classrooms before Monday.

When offers of space at the First Methodist Church, East Bend Fire Department and American Legion Post would be accepted could not be determined yesterday.

Hobson said that it could not be established where in the roof it started and what started the fire.

"It was not in the boiler room, for that was one part of the building that was not entirely destroyed," Hobson said. He also said it was not in the auditorium where rehearsals were held Tuesday night for the senior play.

An adjuster was busy yesterday inspecting the fire to determine the extent of damage for insurance purposes.

The school had a total of 22 teachers with Thomas W. Wooten of East Bend as principal. He is an alumnus of the school and has been principal one year.

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The school has 351 elementary students and 222 high school students.

Hobson said the enforced three-day vacation for East Bend means the school will close June 3. However, he said the three or more days lost because of the fire may be made up in another way.

The main building was erected as an eight-room structure in 1923. Eight more rooms were added in 1935 to go with the auditorium and other classrooms.

The home economics and science building was erected in 1952. The lunchroom, gym and cafeteria building was constructed in 1959.

The fire was discovered by the Bill Johnson family, who live about 100 yards north of the school. Johnson had become ill during the night and the family was returning from Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem when they discovered the flames shooting from the roof of the school. Clyde Lane, a relative, went to the fire station nearby and sounded the alarm.

Some Say Fire During Day Would Have Taken Lives

By Jeanette Reid
Staff Reporter

EAST BEND — "Oh, boy!" said the second-grader. "We get a holiday."

"But I want the school back tomorrow!" his friend protested.

"I'm still dazed and shocked," said the teacher, surveying the ruins. "I taught right where that pile of bricks is smoking."

"What will we ever do about the students' records?" asked the worried school secretary. "They have to have grades to get into college."

Such were the comments here yesterday about the 3:30 a.m. fire which destroyed the main school classroom building and auditorium while 13 fire departments fought the blaze in vain.

As groups of people — men, women and children — instinctively stopped to talk in the post office, drug store or in the rain at the smoking school ruins, the talk was always about the fire.

"Just think," said a man in the crowd. "The children were still here at midnight practicing the senior play. They'd practiced the last

three or four nights."

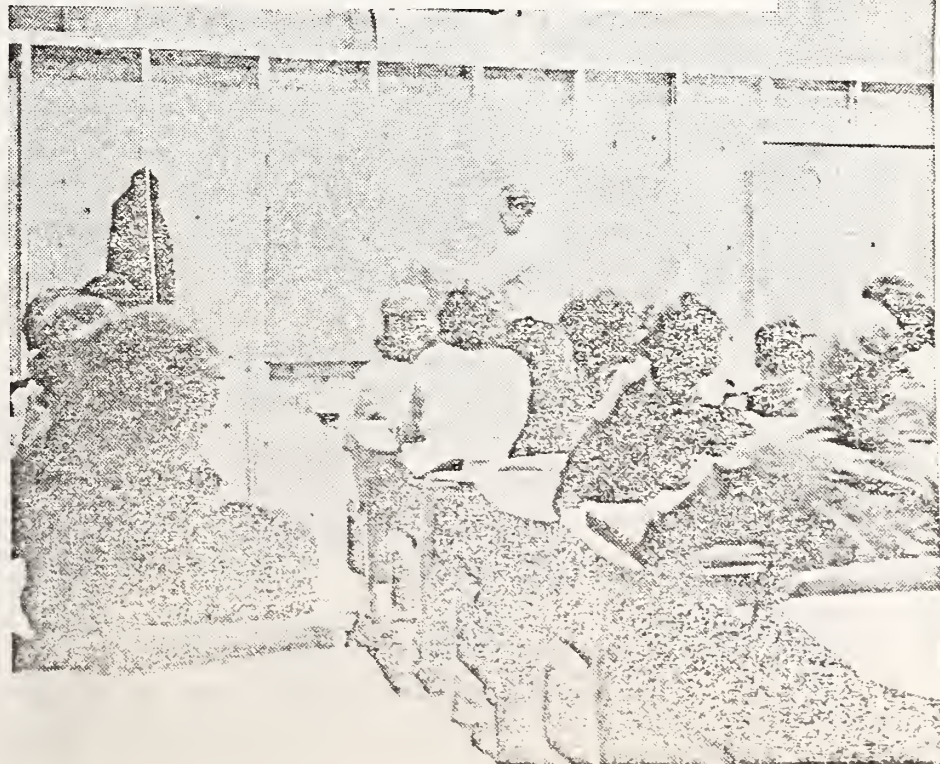
"Someone said that if the fire had started in the daytime and been discovered sooner, the firemen could have saved it," said A. P. Schlagel, whose drug store is across the road from the school. "But as fast as that building went up, it would have been terrible. The kids just couldn't have gotten out."

"I know," said Bob Crissman, English and physical education teacher. "Fire ran through that building faster than I can run."

"It still hasn't sunk in yet. See Some, Page 2



At locker room now turned elementary classroom, Mrs. Tom Wooten welcomes students Karen Hutchens, Mark Wooten and Wayne Smitherman.



Staff Photos by Jeanette

A new wood partition in gym provides the setting for Robert Shore's math class.

Makeshift Arrangements Made

East Bend School

Reopens in Gym

By Jeanette Reid
Staff Reporter

EAST BEND — Going to math or history class in the gym, or taking typing in the agriculture shop, were made standard procedure yesterday at East Bend School.

The "misplaced" classes are the result of an early morning \$144,000 fire which destroyed 16 classrooms here last Wednesday. All of the school's 583 students, except first-graders, were back in the normal routine yesterday—or as normal as could be expected.

First-graders will be back this morning, housed in two mobile units.

As high-schoolers changed classes, they took a walk around the inside perimeter of the gymnasium. This gave them a chance to look into the six classrooms created by partitions eight feet high, with one side open toward the wall.

"We're letting them enjoy the confusion," said principal Thomas Y. Wooten. "They can satisfy their curiosity today. Tomorrow we'll set up our student patrols again."

Looking on the bright side, one student observed the gymnasium divisions and remarked, "I bet we're the only school with basketball goals in every classroom."

Students and former stu-

dents who were distressed—or happy—that all of the school's official records were destroyed may have little cause for remorse or celebration.

"We think we can re-establish about 80 per cent of the records," Wooten explained. "Parents have been sending in stacks of old report cards. Many of the teachers have kept their old roll books with the grades in them. Also, the county office at Yadkinville has a list of all graduates and the year in which they graduated."

Ralph Smitherman, former principal and teacher, was one of the teachers who believe in keeping old registers. He has all of his registers back through 1930.

The relocated school office is set up in the concession area of the gym. "At least when we have to go get a whipping," said an optimistic student, "we can get a Coke."

Apparently students at East Bend are more studious than their teachers think they are.

Even before the fire trucks had left the smoldering school building, Wooten had sent to Raleigh a request for new textbooks. The teachers had estimated that 75 per cent of the texts were burned in the night fire.

Replacement texts were issued yesterday—some 1,150 of them.

Not a single senior English text was burned.

It seems the teacher's as-

signment of passages to be memorized was sufficient to make all of the students take their textbooks home.

Mrs. Frank Pickett's second-graders lost their bean

crop in the fire.

Although the loss won't be enough to hurt the commercial market this spring, the students are unhappy. Each boy and girl had a bean plant in a pot. Some of the bean plants were already two inches long.

During the morning drawing session, Mrs. Pickett's children were told to draw any scene they desired.

Terry Hunt drew a school building on fire.

At the same time, Mrs. Pickett made out new report cards for each child. She had taken her register-grade book home.

"I'd always wondered why I carried it home every night for 26 years," she said. "Now I know."

Little girls, and little boys, too, were filing into the high school girls' locker room. The door, also carried another label—Ball Team Only.

Inside, Mrs. Tom Wooten had set up her class for 23 second- and third-grade students.

"We're storing our books," she added, "in the shower room."

The fire ruined the school's bell system, and Mrs. Bill Doub, school secretary, is the substitute.

When it's time for a bell to ring, she puts her hands over her ears. Then, as hard as she can, she blows a referee's whistle.

School officials, of course, have their regrets over the valuable buildings and equipment lost.

For example, the school has spent over \$3,000 this year bringing the elementary library above accreditation standards. Only three days before the fire, the card catalog was completed and put into use. All books and card catalog are gone.

For the rest of the year, the Yadkin County bookmobile will visit the school twice weekly to provide library service. And plans are under way to set up an elementary library in the foyer of the gym for next year.

All United States history students had made maps of the nation, using all types of materials—plaster of paris, seeds, wood.

Diane Spear had drawn a map on cloth 6 by 12 feet and embroidered it during 58 hours of work. Her father had framed it for her.

Coach James Morgan will be talking about something besides athletics now in the boys' locker room.

The room is his new classroom for English and Spanish.

EAST BEND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Since we have been an elementary school we have had four different principals--Robert Boggs, Kenneth Matthews, Charles W. Fortune, and Michael D. Crouse.

The enrollment as of now is 325. We have twelve homeroom teachers, a librarian, part time LD, A/G, speech and guidance teacher.

Four rooms have been added to the new building with air conditioning in these four rooms. We are looking forward to a new media center and all other classrooms and office area having air conditioning in the near future.

Mrs. Carolyn Hunt, governor Hunt's wife, visited our school in 1981 to visit our reading program and the volunteers who were helping in the program.

At East Bend, the students enjoy a variety of activities. The athletic program offers youngsters an opportunity to play basketball, baseball, softball or cheerleading. Our Boosters' Club also sponsors Tee ball, baseball, softball, and basketball for children in kindergarten through sixth grade. For several years, our students have enjoyed various track and field events in our annual spring field day.

Students are also given the opportunity to take piano lessons and participate in the band and chorus. Our other organizations include Student Council and Cats Paw Staff, the school newspaper. In these organizations, students can sharpen their leadership skills and literary abilities. Each class in grades four through eight selects a representative to participate in our annual spelling bee.

Through the years, our library staff has sponsored Junior Historians and Library Helpers and offered interesting activities such as Heritage Day, Storytelling "under the trees", and book fairs. Through field trips planned by our teachers, the children have visited such places the NC Zoo, Nature Science Center, Old Salem, Reynolda House, Chapel Hill, Raleigh, and even Williamsburg and Washington.

Our PTA has successfully sponsored an annual Halloween Variety Show or a Halloween Carnival to raise funds for needed school projects. East Bend along with other county schools are accredited by the Southern Association of Schools.

We believe our students are the finest anywhere and during their eight or nine years at East Bend, they receive not only basic skill training but also remedial and enrichment opportunities.

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EARLY EAST BEND PHYSICIANS

DR. EVAN BENBOW practiced medicine in East Bend from the age of 19 until his death in 1894. He also farmed and was a member of East Bend Friends Church.

DR. WILLIAM EVAN BENBOW, son of Dr. Evan Benbow, was born in 1852 and practiced medicine in East Bend until his death in 1900. He built the three story house next to Town Hall on Main Street.

DR. J. THOMAS BENBOW, son of Dr. William Evan Benbow, was born in 1881. He served in World War I and World War II and was discharged as a Lieutenant Colonel. He practiced medicine in East Bend for World War I and after World War II until his death in 1958.

DR. WARTON GREEN LEAKE practiced medicine in East Bend after 1902 for 35 years. His office and residence were located across from the present site of the East Bend Public Library.

DR. JOHN HENRY MARTIN was born in East Bend and practiced medicine here until 1910.

DR. RICHARD EARL MARTIN, SR. was born in East Bend and practiced medicine here for 44 years. His office was in his residence on what is now School Street. He died in 1964.

MEDICAL DOCTOR'S HAVING PRACTICED IN EAST BEND

Dr. Evan Benbow 1827-1896
Dr. J. M. Matthews
Dr. Luther Matthews
Dr. John Woltz
Dr. John P. Nicholson 1836-1862
Dr. N. W. Glenn 1860
Dr. W. G. Leak 1902 (35 years)
Dr. G. F. Reeves 1939-1942

Dr. William Evan Benbow
Dr. Alexander Benbow
Dr. J. Thomas Benbow
Dr. John H. Kinyoun 1826
Dr. Edgar Matthews
Dr. John Henry Martin 1907-1910
Dr. R. E. Martin (44 Years)
Dr. Jim Cleary

These practiced before the East Bend Medical Center was established.

By: Louise Poindexter
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DR. EVAN BENBOW
A pioneer East Bend resident
1827-1894



DR. J. T. BENBOW

Dr. Benbow Of East Bend At Age 76

EAST BEND—Dr. John Thomas Benbow, 76, of East Bend, died unexpectedly at 4:30 p.m. Saturday at his home after a heart attack.

He was born Dec. 18, 1881, in Yadkin County, son of Dr. William E. and Martha Jane Poindexter Benbow.

He attended Guilford College and was a graduate of the University of North Carolina and the North Carolina Medical College at Charlotte.

He was a veteran of World Wars I and II. He retired from the army in 1944 with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

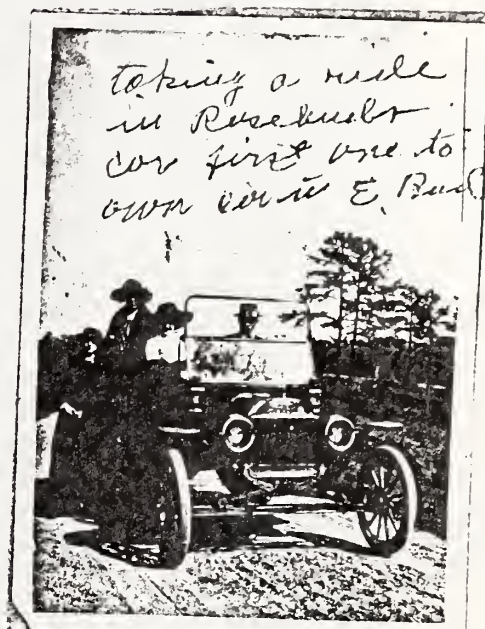
He practiced medicine at East Bend and Winston-Salem between the two wars.

He was married three times, first to Miss Jammie Leuk. He then married Miss Lillian Adams. She died several years ago. He married Miss Betty Henderson Oct. 14, 1944. She survives.

Other survivors are four daughters, Miss Jane Benbow and Miss Mary Elizabeth Benbow of the home, Mrs. Nell Otey of Virginia and Miss June Benbow of Beverly Hills, Calif.; two sons, John Thomas Benbow Jr. of Erie, Pa., and James E. Benbow of Winston-Salem; three brothers, Dr. Edgar V. Benbow of Winston-Salem, Dr. Lester Benbow of Butner and E. C. Benbow of Oklahoma; a sister, Mrs. Harry C. McPahill of Mount Olive; and four grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete. The body is at Burchette and Huff Funeral Home.

Dr. Rosebud Morse Garriott was born in East Bend, daughter of Thomas and Annie Wade Morse. She attended Salem College and graduated from Atlanta Dental College in 1916, beginning her dental practice in East Bend soon after. She died in 1980.



Dr. Richard Earl Martin Sr. was born in East Bend, the son of John A. and Eunice Marion Martin. He graduated from Guilford College and the N. C. Medical College in Charlotte, and practiced medicine in East Bend for 44 years.

His wife Ruth Ewing, being a nurse, was a real asset to him in his practice. She was warmly welcomed in the homes of his patients as his assistant. Dr. Martin died in 1964, and his wife Ruth died in 1981.





Staff Photo by Howard Walker

BOOSTING EAST BEND—Dr. J. B. Whittington (left) of Winston-Salem discusses with James Nicholson and Mrs. Billy Doub plans to develop a medical center at

East Bend. The project was made possible by a gift of land valued at about \$10,000, donated to the community by Dr. Whittington.

East Bend Group Is Given Property

By Jesse Poindexter
Staff Reporter

EAST BEND—A gift of property valued at about \$10,000 put the newly chartered East Bend Community Medical Foundation in business last night.

The donation was made by Dr. J. B. Whittington of Winston-Salem, a native of East Bend. The land is to be developed as a medical center for the community.

The property involved is a part of the old Benbow homeplace, sold at auction after Attorney John T. Benbow died last year without leaving a will.

People in this community plan to remodel the old home, built about 1850, for use by a physician. Later on, they hope to obtain the services of a pharmacist.

The project had its beginning only a few weeks ago.

Dr. Whittington, whose mother was Mr. Benbow's sister, had acquired a large lot adjacent to the lot on which the home has stood for about 110 years.

About the same time, several people in the community—particularly members of the Ruritan Club—began talking about the need for a physician.

Dr. Whittington told them that if they would organize a community medical foundation and buy the old home, he would give them his lot free.

Consequently, the East Bend Community Medical Foundation came into being, with a board of directors composed of representatives from local organizations.

The directors are:

—Chairman James Nicholson for the American Legion, Mayor Frank H. Pickett for the Town of East Bend, Principal R. J. Smitherman for the Parent-Teacher Assn., Henry Speas for the Grange, H. B. Shore for the Fire Department, Ross W. Williams for the Ruritan Club, Mrs. Edward Matthews for the Fire Department Auxiliary, Mrs. Billy Doub for the Home Demonstration Club and Mrs. Carlyle Norman for the American Legion Auxiliary.

A charter was drafted about two weeks ago, and application has been made to Secretary of State Thad Eure for a certificate of incorporation as a non-profit organization.

Then, the people of the community pledged enough money to buy the Benbow homeplace, and it was bid off a few days ago for \$4,000. There were no upset bids.

After the directors had bid off the old home, they went to Dr. Whittington and informed him that they were depending on him to fulfill his bargain.

"I do better than that," Dr. Whittington told the directors. "I'll give you my lot, and I'll give you a check to cover what you paid for the homeplace."

And that he did, even down to the \$250 deposit the directors had made when their high bid was recorded. "I want you to start free and clear," Dr. Whittington said.

For the past few years, the people of the community felt a need for a physician.

Dr. R. E. Martin of East Bend had been practicing there for more than 40 years, but he is now in semi-retirement. Other doctors have come and gone in the past.

Although the people here realized the need for a physician, they realized also that a doctor wouldn't move in without satisfactory office accommodations.

That's why the community medical foundation was started, with Dr. Whittington's assistance.

The renovation of the old Benbow home will be financed by community donations, and the directors plan to begin a drive for funds in the next few weeks.

This drive will be similar to the one that resulted in the organization of the East Bend Volunteer Fire Department, purchase of a truck and a new building.

Nothing in the plans for the medical center provides for a

dentist, because Dr. Rosebud Garriott had been practicing dentistry here for many years.

Dr. Whittington was born at East Bend and attended Salem Boy's School, Guilford College and the University of North Carolina, graduating in 1908.

He was a general practitioner in Winston-Salem from 1912 to 1920. He studied surgery and practiced surgery there from 1920 to 1924.

In 1924, Dr. Whittington was made superintendent of City Memorial Hospital. When Kate Bittling Reynolds Hospital was opened in 1938, he became director of both city hospitals.

He resigned as administrator of both city hospitals in 1947, a field he had worked in for 23 years. He instituted the nurse's training and intern program at the Negro hospital.

Project Enthuses East Bend

By Jesse Poindexter
Staff Reporter

EAST BEND — The people of East Bend community don't usually get excited about anything, but they are enthused at the prospect of developing a medical center here.

Many of them took advantage of the New Year's holiday weekend to visit the old Benbow homeplace—built about 1850—that is to be remodeled for use by a physician.

Just who this doctor will be isn't known, because the directors of the recently chartered East Bend Community Medical Foundation haven't yet acquired the services of one.

But they are looking around. And, meanwhile, they are going ahead with plans to conduct a community-wide drive for funds to finance renovation of the old home.

Converted to Offices

The house will be converted to offices for a physician, who is to serve the community. Later on, the directors hope to get a pharmacist.

Chairman James Nicholson, in keeping with the popular public response to the medical center plan, has called a directors meeting at the fire station Wednesday night.

Nicholson said yesterday the directors will outline what steps can be taken immediately to show the community that there is more to this project than mere talk.

He said the directors think work on some phase of the project should begin soon to stimulate public interest.

Remodeling Cost

Estimates on the cost of remodeling the old home, including the installation of a heating system, range from \$4,000 to \$6,000.

New floors and ceilings will be put in, doors to connect the doctor's offices will be cut and water will be piped to the various rooms in the 110-year-old house.

Existing chimneys will be pulled down and new ones built to eliminate fire hazards. Floor joists, which have sagged in place, will be bolstered.

However, Nicholson said, care will be taken to preserve the antique character of the house. A long porch with white columns runs its entire length.

Medical Center

A concept of what a medical center could mean to the community had existed in the minds of several residents for some time.

But it took a donation of property valued at about \$10,000 to lift the project out of the talking stage and raise it to the level of realistic consideration.

Dr. J. B. Whittington of Winston-Salem, a native of East Bend, had acquired a large lot adjacent to the lot on which the old Benbow home has stood for so long.

At first, Dr. Whittington told the people of the community that he would give them his nearby

lot if they would buy the lot on which the old homeplace stands.

Enough money was pledged in the community for the directors to buy the lot for \$4,000. The price was not considered too high for property so situated.

But when the directors told Dr. Whittington they hoped he was willing to fulfill his part of the bargain, they learned that he was willing to do more than that.

"I'll give you my lot, as promised," the physician said, "and I'll also give you a check to cover what you paid for the homeplace. I want you to start free and clear."

Community Donations

Dr. Whittington came to East Bend Sunday and met with several of the people who are pushing the project. They spent the afternoon inspecting the old house.

Since the project is to be financed by community donations, people came from all over this area to look through the house.

Mayor Frank H. Pickett, the town's representative on the board, said he had never before experienced such spontaneous support for a project here.

"We are very grateful to Dr. Whittington for helping us get started," the mayor said. "If we can't make a go of it now, it will be our fault."

Dr. R. E. Martin, the town's only physician, is among the most enthusiastic boosters of the medical center plan, but he said it may be difficult to get a doctor here.

Dr. Martin, a member of one of the community's pioneer families, has been practicing here for more than 40 years. But he is now in semi-retirement.

Mayor Pickett said East Bend is thinking about calling a bond

issue referendum to determine if the people want to finance a water and sewer system.

The town has no outstanding debt, he explained, and the people are realizing that they must go forward or fade into relative obscurity.

"I think this medical center will do more for East Bend than anything that has been mentioned here in a long time," the mayor said. "We must grow or die."

The unique feature of the medical center plan is not the project itself, but the stimulating effect it has had on the thinking of the people in the community.

There seems to be general agreement among the people that this is a good thing; therefore, they should close ranks and see that it becomes reality.

Not too many years ago, it would have been safe to bet that if a certain segment of the citizenry supported a project, another faction would strongly oppose it.

These frictions within the community were responsible almost wholly for the failure of many suggested improvements to materialize. This no longer holds true.



Staff Photo by Howard Walker

Mayor F. H. Pickett looks down the long porch of the old Benbow homeplace at East Bend.

East Bend's New Doctor Greeted at Medical Center

By Jesse Poindexter
Staff Reporter

EAST BEND — A persistent, drought-breaking rain yesterday failed to wash out the East Bend Medical Foundation's open house for the community's new physician.

The people who did the planning killed two birds with one stone:

—Dr. Jimmy R. Cleary, a native of Wilkes County who has moved here to establish a medical practice, was introduced to hundreds of people who came to get acquainted.

—Directors of the foundation also showed off (with obvious pride) their new medical center, where Dr. Cleary will have his office. It represents a \$20,000 investment.

Because of the steady rain throughout the day, there was some fear that the open house might not be a huge success. But the downpour made no difference. People came anyway.

All Comers

Dr. Cleary and his wife shook hands with all comers. They said they look forward with enthusiasm to becoming a part of this small Yadkin County community.

Also on hand were Mr. and Mrs. Barney Cleary of North Wilkesboro, Dr. Cleary's parents. The elder Cleary is in the plumbing and heating business in Wilkes.

Mayor Frank H. Pickett described the medical center and the new doctor as examples of what can be accomplished when the people of a community work together in a common cause.

"We feel that Dr. Cleary's decision to become a resident of East Bend will be greatly beneficial to us," he said. "We hope it will be beneficial to Dr. Cleary, too."

Benbow Homeplace

The medical center is the old Benbow homeplace, built about 1850 by Dr. Evan Benbow. The old house has been completely remodeled, and central heating installed.

Dr. Benbow founded a line of physicians that has endured to the present day. His son, also named Evan, practiced medicine in East Bend for many years.

This second Dr. Benbow had two sons who practiced medicine in Winston-Salem — Dr. Thomas Benbow, who died a few years ago, and Dr. Edgar Benbow, now retired.

The East Bend Medical Foundation was chartered two years ago, and became a going concern through the beneficence of Dr. J. Benbow Whittington of Winston-Salem.

Dr. Whittington, whose mother was a sister of the second Dr. Evan Benbow, bought the old homeplace when the estate was

settled and donated it to the foundation.

Later, he gave the foundation a second tract of property which joins the lot on which the old home stands. Both tracts were valued at about \$10,000.

Dr. Whittington also had built on the property a replica of his grandfather's old office. The small one-room office stands on the very spot the old one occupied.

Near the office is an old rock which the first Dr. Benbow used to mount his horse. He kept four saddle horses, and never got around to using a buggy.

Board Headquarters

James Nicholson, chairman of the foundation's nine-member board of directors, said the office is used as headquarters of the board and for their meetings.

"Of course, it can be put to any sort of use in connection with the medical center," he said. "We can use it for other purposes if the need develops."

Dr. Cleary was graduated from Wake Forest College in 1956, and from Bowman Gray School of Medicine in 1960. He was in the Army from 1960 to last month.

He married Miss Alicia Osteen of Hendersonville, a college classmate. They were members of the last class to graduate from Wake Forest before the college moved to Winston-Salem.

They have three children—two boys, aged five and two, and a baby girl born three months ago.

The Cleary family is living temporarily at the old Neal Hauser homeplace near the Yadkin

River. But they plan to build a new home in East Bend soon.

Mrs. Ross Williams has been employed as receptionist, and Dr. Cleary said he plans to employ a nurse to help him in the office as soon as he gets settled.

The gift from Dr. Whittington gave impetus to the medical center idea, and a fund-raising drive in the community was successful, according to Nicholson.

Then, two months ago the Northwestern Bank gave to the foundation its old office building in East Bend. This gift was valued at about \$4,000.

Help Sought

So many people came to the open house yesterday the directors had to call on the East Bend Community Volunteer Fire Department for help in handling the traffic.

Directors, in addition to Chairman Nicholson, are: Henry Speas, vice chairman; Mrs. Billy Doub, secretary; Ralph Smitherman, treasurer; and Ross Williams, H. B. Shore, Mayor Pickett, Mrs. Edward Matthews, and Mrs. Carlyle Norman.

For more than 40 years, Dr. R. E. Martin has ministered to the medical needs of the community. Much of that time, he was the only physician here.

Dr. W. G. Leake practiced medicine here until his death many years ago. Dr. George Reeves moved here in the 1930s, but left to enter the public health field.

Dr. Cleary is the first physician to move into the community since Dr. Reeves came almost 30 years ago. He said yesterday he plans to stay. "I like it here," he said.



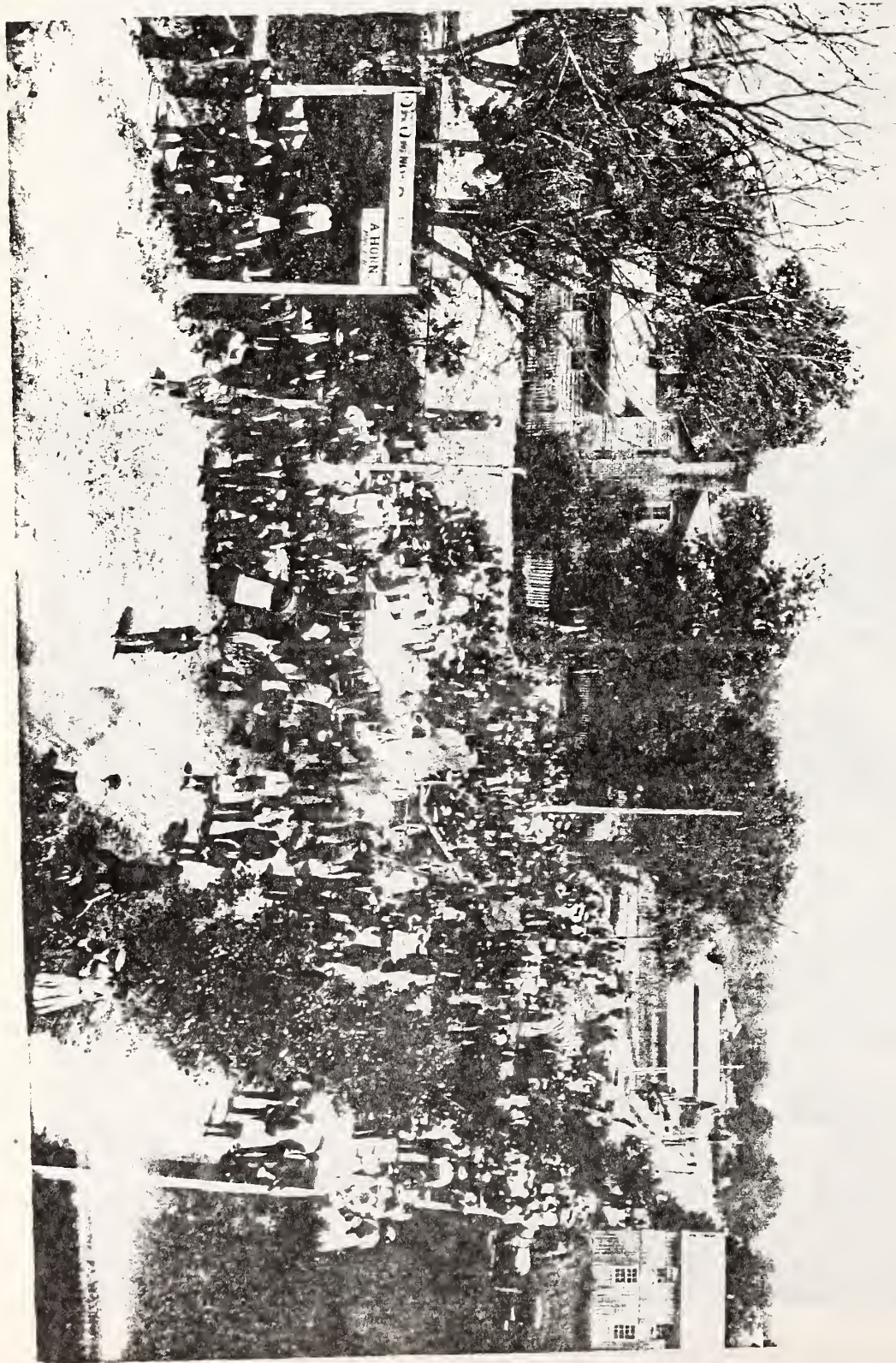
TO EAST BEND—Dr. Jim R. Cleary of North Wilkesboro started practice in East Bend Medical Center recently. He is 28, a graduate of Bowman Gray School of Medicine and Wake Forest College, both in Winston-Salem, and North Wilkesboro High School. He served his internship in Tacoma, Wash.

Entertainment



Mr. and Mrs. Foy Norman of East Bend capture the pioneer spirit at the July 4th celebration.

Thousands Observe Holiday



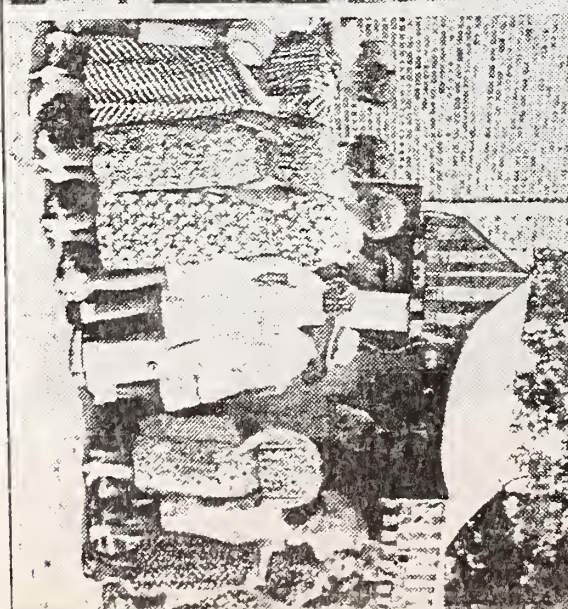
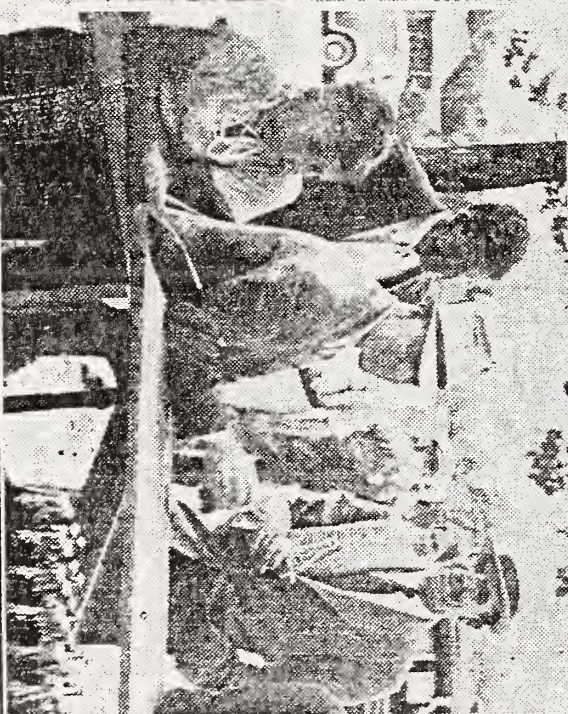
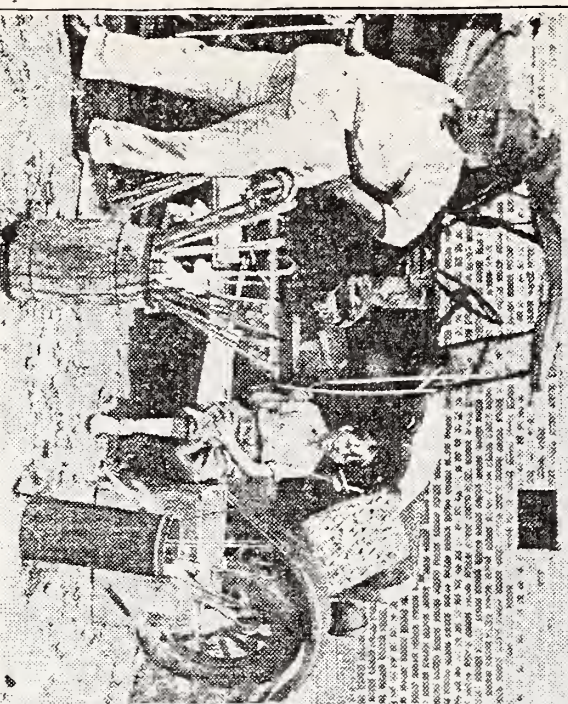
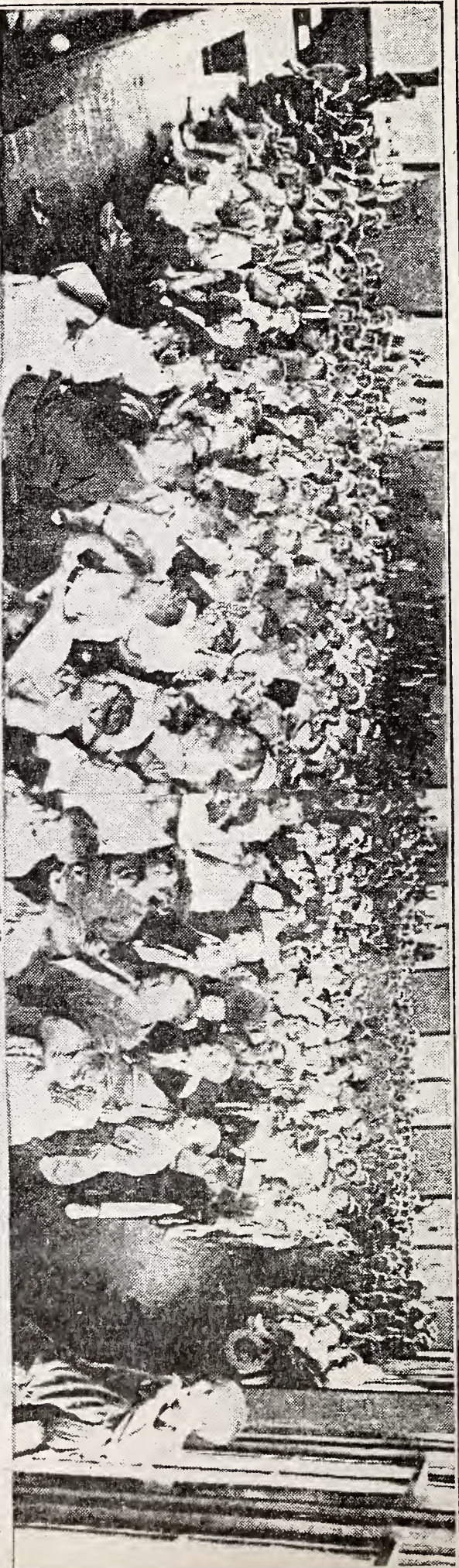
FIRST FIDDLERS' CONVENTION

J. G. Huff sponsored the first fiddlers' convention on the fourth of July, the same year that he bought his steam tractor. A parade, led by Huff's tractor, pulling a four wheel trailer on which rode a giant fiddle opened the event. The fiddle was built by Huff's exactly to scale -- but, was seventeen feet long.

MCNEIL'S DANCE HALL

Dancing entertainment with a combination swimming hole was located on the bank of the Yadkin River at Donnaha. This stage was built around a huge tree to prevent its being washed away during a flood. Bath houses were built for dressing and bathing suits could be rented for swimming.

First Annual East Bend Community Home-Coming



When E. S. Fells, of Winston-Salem, with other Winston-Salem and East Bend citizens started out to get a big home-coming crowd for the Fourth of July holiday they evidently employed the right tactics. In the upper picture the crowd who attended the afternoon indoor session is shown listening intently to a part of the program—probably Colonel W. A. Blair's "Apt Affluence of Adequately Aged

Anecdotes," or one of the stringed band contests. In the lower left and lower right pictures the concessioners are shown pushing their trades. In the lower center picture, patrons of a concession are shown, Dr. Edgar Vernon Benbow, known to hundreds of Yadkinites as "Bunn" Benbow, Virgil Joyce (now a member of the staff of Ver-

non W. Flynt, Forsyth county tax supervisor) and J. T. Joyner Reynolds Tobacco Company foreman, member of the local box commission. The youngster leaning on the bar, looking thirstily at the Coca-Cola, got away in the crowd before the photographer could get his name.—(Staff Photos).



LEAK BARN THEATRE operated in early 1900's
 -sawdust shavings on floor
 -bench seating
 -single reels
 -player piano during movies
 -peanuts and popcorn sold



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-New York Herald Tribune

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-New York Daily Mirror

SPECIAL AWARD OF MERIT
-Parade Magazine

HIGHEST RATING!
-New York Daily News

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East Bend, N. C.

Wed. Thur. Fri. & Sat.

January 21 Thru 24

Doors Open 6:00 P. M.

Show Starts 6:15 & 9:00 P. M.

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INDEPENDENT ORDER

OF ODD FELLOWS

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
This Certifies

That J. L. Martin who has
attained the Third degree, and whose name is written on the margin
of this Card in his own proper hand writing, is a member in good
standing of East End Lodge No 137
held in East End N.C. and working under
a Charter duly granted by authority of the Right Worthy
Grand Lodge of North Carolina
That the Constitution and By-Laws of our Lodge
allow for weekly benefits the sum of 200 dollars per week, and for
funeral benefits the sum of 1500 dollars; and that Brother
J. L. Martin is entitled to the said benefits
from the date of this Card, and until the expiration of the same.
We therefore recommend him to your **FRIENDSHIP** and **PROTECTION**,
and admission into all regular Lodges of
ODD FELLOWS for the space of Six Months from this date,
and no longer.

In Witness whereof We have subscribed our
names and affixed the Seal of our Lodge this
30th day of Sept in the Year of our Lord
One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty six

W. D. Stearns
J. H. Keene



FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, TRUTH.





Don Matthews, left center, and Joe C. Matthews, right center, assist children with East Bend Recreation ground breaking chores at site of pool Sunday.

AT EAST BEND

July 1967 (Yarborough Photo)

Pool Ground Breaking Is Held

Ground was broken Sunday for what East Bend Mayor Ben Neill called "the biggest single public service project to take place here in my lifetime." That project he referred to is to be a swimming pool and recreation park to be located on a 9-acre tract adjacent to East Bend School.

The pool construction is expected to begin soon.

"We hope to be swimming in our new pool by early June," commented Don Matthews, presi-

dent of the East Bend Jaycees, the organization that initiated the community project.

Matthews, along with Joe Carrol Matthews, president of East Bend Recreation Park, Inc., spoke briefly at the ground breaking ceremony. Don Matthews very lightly outlined the Jaycee part in the project. He emphasized that "this is NOT a Jaycee pool and park. The Jaycees only initiated the movement and worked with others in the community for its success."

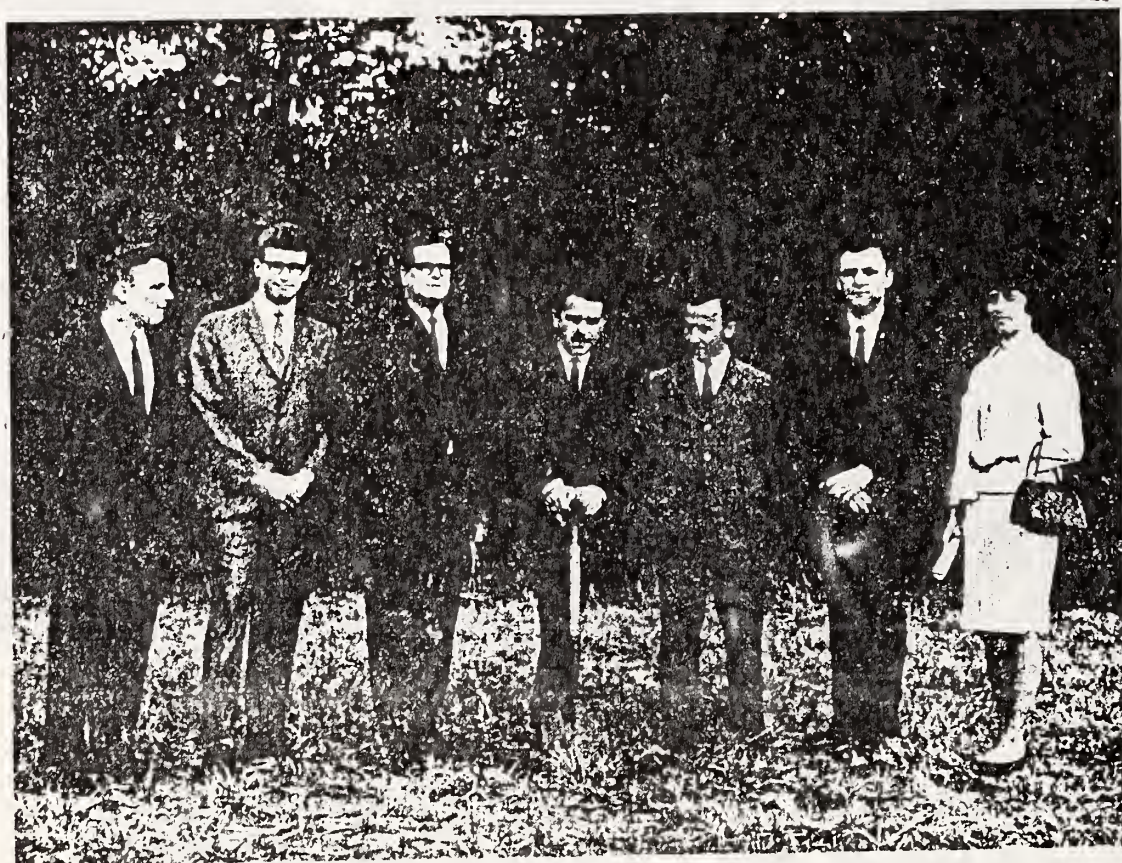
Others on the program were Mrs. Wanda Hobson, coordinator of the solicitation campaign; Richard Poindexter, member of the board of directors; Uba Brown, member of the board of directors; and the Rev. Frank Wood.

Poindexter outlined the planned facility, including bath house and recreational area. Mrs. Hobson thanked all who helped make the solicitation campaign a success. Uba Brown was in charge of the actual ground breaking. And the Rev. Wood brought the invocation

and the benediction.

Children of the members assisted in shoveling up the first earth on the site of the proposed pool.

Two other persons in attendance who have been and will continue to be vitally involved were Tony Snow, Yadkin FHA Office manager, who worked with the group to secure the FHA loan, and Bob Crissman of Jonesville, former East Bend teacher, who will be director of the pool and summer recreation program at East Bend.

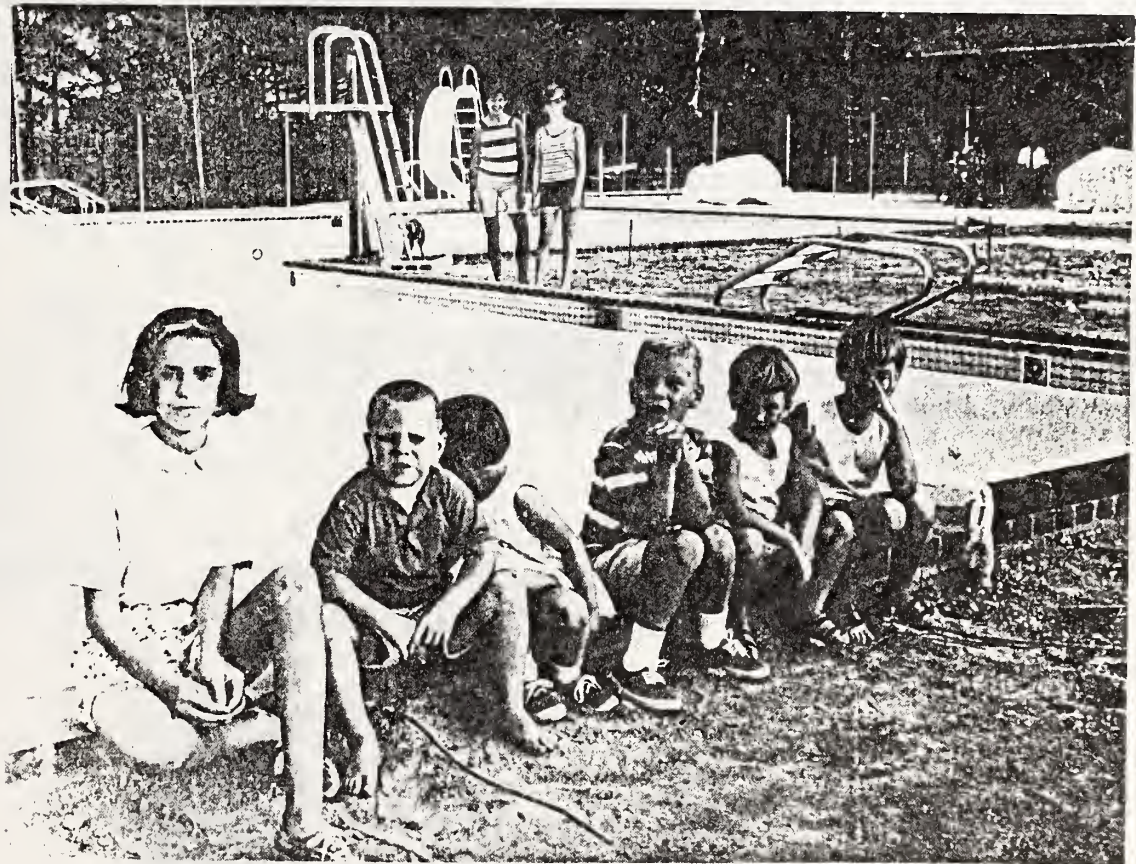


Ground Broken For Pool

A large crowd attended a ground-breaking ceremony for the East Bend Recreation Park Sunday at 4 p. m. to mark the beginning of the project. Pictured here (l to r) are Rev. Frank Wood and Richard Poindexter, members of the Board of Directors; Mayor Benny Neill; Joe C. Matthews, president; Don Matthews and Uba Brown, board members; and Mrs. Wanda Hobson, coordinator of the solicitation campaign. (Ripple Photo by Jerry Walker)

EAST BEND POOL

In 1967, a project initiated by the East Bend Jaycees with much community effort began-- ground breaking for a recreation park. Better known as the East Bend Recreation Park (Pool), the pool is owned and directed by its members.



Children Await East Bend Pool Opening

Sitting at poolside, these East Bend children and two older companions in background, reflect gally on first plunge into new East Bend Recreation Park, Inc. swimming pool. The gala pool opening was held Saturday. From left, seated, are: Elizabeth Fortune, Darreli Doub, Mary Lynn Wooten, Sterling Wooten, Cathy Hardy and Donna Hardy. Seen at background are Lynn Davis, left, and Elaine Burleson.

(Photo by Crissman)

East Bend Community Home Coming @ JULY 4th AT EAST BEND, N. C.

MR. HUGH WHITE, MASTER OF CEREMONIES

DR. LUTHER MATTHEWS, SPEAKER

10:00 O'Clock, Boys' and Girls' Foot Races. 10:30 O'Clock, Bicycle Races.
Committee: Mr. Charlie Huff, Mr. Hugh White, Mr. Clyde Kirk.

11 TO 12 O'CLOCK:

HORSES AND MULES WILL BE JUDGED

Committee: Mr. W. E. Stauber, Mr. Ed Martin, Mr. Franklin Williams.

The owners of horses and mules who won prizes last July 4th will not be entitled to enter the same animals in the contest this year. All animals must be owned by residents of Yadkin County, living within eight miles of East Bend.

PRIZE FOR THE BEST TEAM OF HORSES	\$7.50
FOR THE SECOND BEST TEAM OF HORSES.....	5.00
PRIZE FOR THE BEST TEAM OF MULES.....	7.50
FOR THE SECOND BEST TEAM OF MULES.....	5.00

This prize money has been donated by the following Tobacco Warehousemen of Winston-Salem: PIEDMONT WAREHOUSE, GORRELL'S WAREHOUSE, NEW CENTRAL WAREHOUSE, BROWN'S WAREHOUSE, BILL SHEETS AND HERMAN BOULDIN, GLENN'S WAREHOUSE. (Program paid for by Tobacco Warehousemen, \$5.50).

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED FROM STAGE IN SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

DINNER AT 12:30 ON THE GROUNDS

FAMILY GROUPS AND THEIR FRIENDS WILL PICNIC TOGETHER

1:30—SPEAKING IN SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

First on the program.....	Everybody sing from the leaflets
Invocation.....	Mrs. Myrtle Felts Nelson
Song.....	by East Bend Methodist Church Sunday School
Talk.....	by Dr. Luther Matthews
Song.....	by East Bend Baptist Church
Short Talks.....	by Home Comers
Song.....	by East Bend Friends Church

(Each Church receives cash donation of \$5.00, given by friends)

STRING BAND CONTEST

Committee: Mr. Avery Coram, Mr. Roscoe Kirkman, Mr. Clifford Hunt

— BANDS TO PLAY ONLY ONE PIECE EACH —

First Prize donated by.....REZNICK'S MUSIC & JEWELRY STORE, Winston-Salem
Second prize donated by.....MEARS JEWELRY STORE, Winston-Salem

THE FOLLOWING PRIZES DONATED BY THE MERCHANTS OF WINSTON-SALEM

To the Winner of Each Race, THE ROYAL CROWN COLA CO. has given a case of
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Prize for the YOUNG LADY who made the BEST AVERAGE IN SCHOOL WORK for
the year ending May, 1939, donated by DAVIS DEPARTMENT STORE

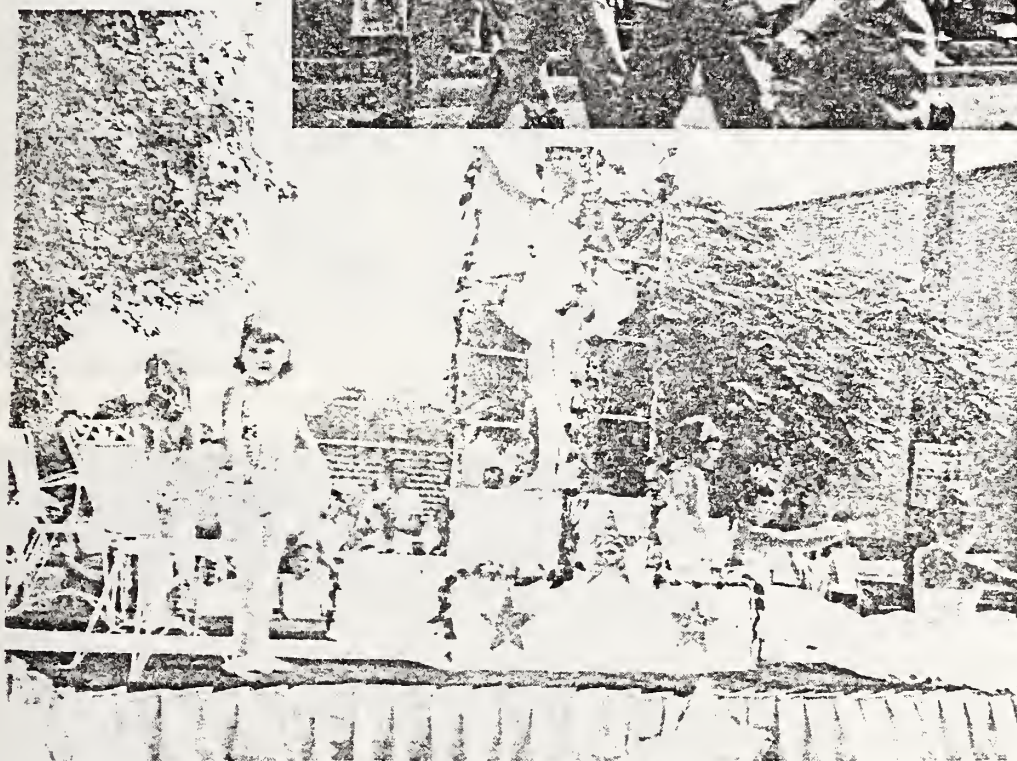
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Prize for the OLDEST MAN PRESENT.....donated by HINE-BAGBY CO.

Prize for the OLDEST LADY PRESENT.....donated by MORRISETT DRY GOODS CO.

Prize for the MOST POPULAR YOUNG LADY (age 14 to 18) donated by BERNICE
HAT SHOP

Prize to the BOY WITH THE MOST FRECKLES.....donated by JONES & GENTRY
SHOE STORE



Fourth
of
July
1969



Young and old alike enjoyed themselves in parades and contests in Yadkin County in annual Fourth of July celebrations. At top left, Legionnaires from Joseph E. Martin Jr. Post No. 336 of The American Legion bear the colors for the parade at East Bend. At center is a beautiful float entered by Dorminy Dance Studio, and at right are some of the hundreds of horses, riders, and wagons in the parade at East Bend.

Neighbors Pour Into East Bend for Celebration

Fire Fighters Demonstrate Their Equipment

By Virtie Stroup
Staff Reporter

EAST BEND—It has been eight years since the folks in Yadkin County hurried into East Bend to celebrate the Fourth of July.

Yesterday they drove in by the thousands — almost four — to see a 70-unit parade show off the progress of the county, to view a demonstration of fire fighting equipment and to take part in a rummage sale and a country ham supper.

"We used to have a Fourth of July celebration every year," festivities chairman Dewey Scott said yesterday. "This is the first one since Gov. Kerr Scott was here in 1950."

East Bend's Mayor Tommy Coram was "well pleased with the turnout of spectators and activities." Hoover Hennings, chief of the Community Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., of East Bend, sponsors of the celebration, summarized the event "as a real show of countywide interest in the Community Volunteer Fire Department. We think the turnout was great."

Parade Through Town

The parade, which began at 1 p.m., proceeded through the heart of town in units illustrating the different phases of interest in the county.

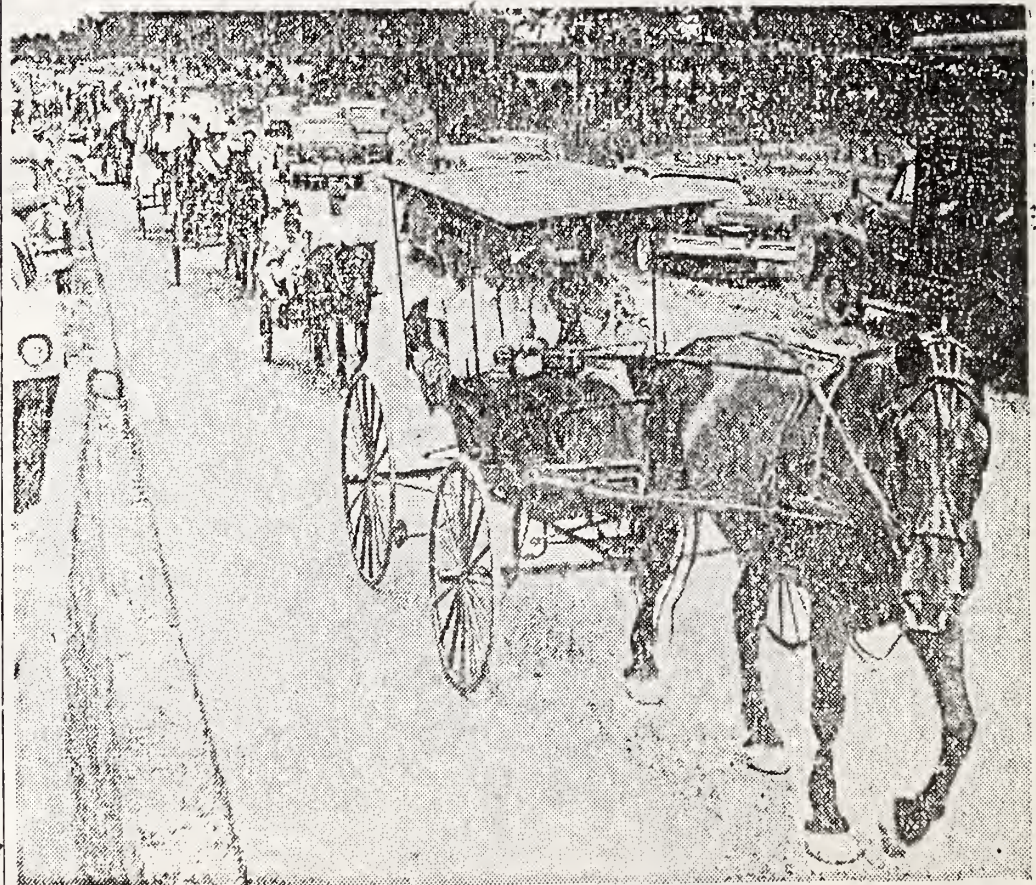
First came the mayors, Coram of East Bend; Walter Rose, mayor pro-tem of Jonesville; Ralph Long of Yadkinville; Harvey Smith of Boonville, and Woosley Taylor of Smithtown.

Miss Jeanette Wallace, Miss Yadkin County Dairy Queen of 1958, led the units featuring the county's beauties. Others were Miss Bertha Norman, Miss Yadkin County of 1957; Miss Reba Casslevens and Miss Yadkin County of 1956 and Miss Dairy Princess of 1958.

The community dairy princesses, sponsored by their Home Demonstration Clubs, included Miss Jackie Boles of Jonesville, Miss Gail Shugart of Boonville, Miss Ruby Carol Hennings of East Bend, Miss Ann Flemming of Yadkinville, Miss Nancy Carol Reinhardt of West Yadkin, Miss Freda Money of Braunion-Longtown, Miss Bobbie Jane Sloon of West Yadkin, Miss Dorothy Ruth Huss of Windsors Grange, Miss Betty Brown of Yadkinville, Miss Patsy Holden of Huntsville-Wyo, Miss Nancy Gentry of Boonville, Miss Sonja Royall of East Bend and Miss Nancy Steelman, Miss Poultry Princess of 1958.



AND ALASKA, TOO—East Bend Home Demonstration Club members salute the flag in Fourth of July parade.



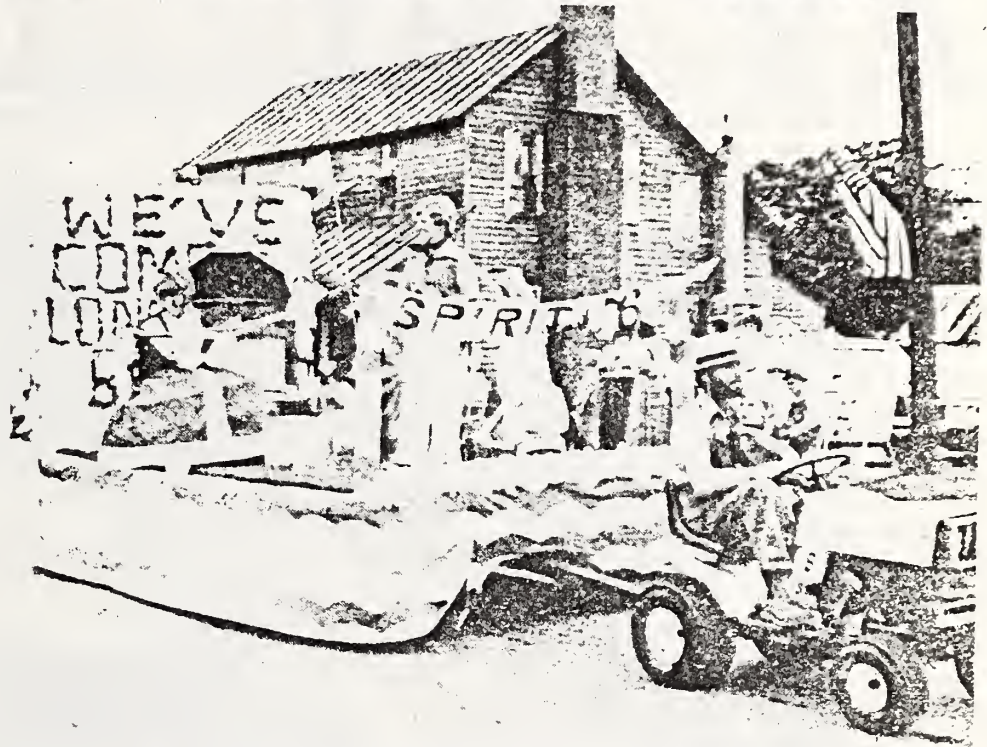
HORSES ON PARADE—Show horses, ponies and rodeo steeds bring up the rear in East Bend's 70-unit parade.

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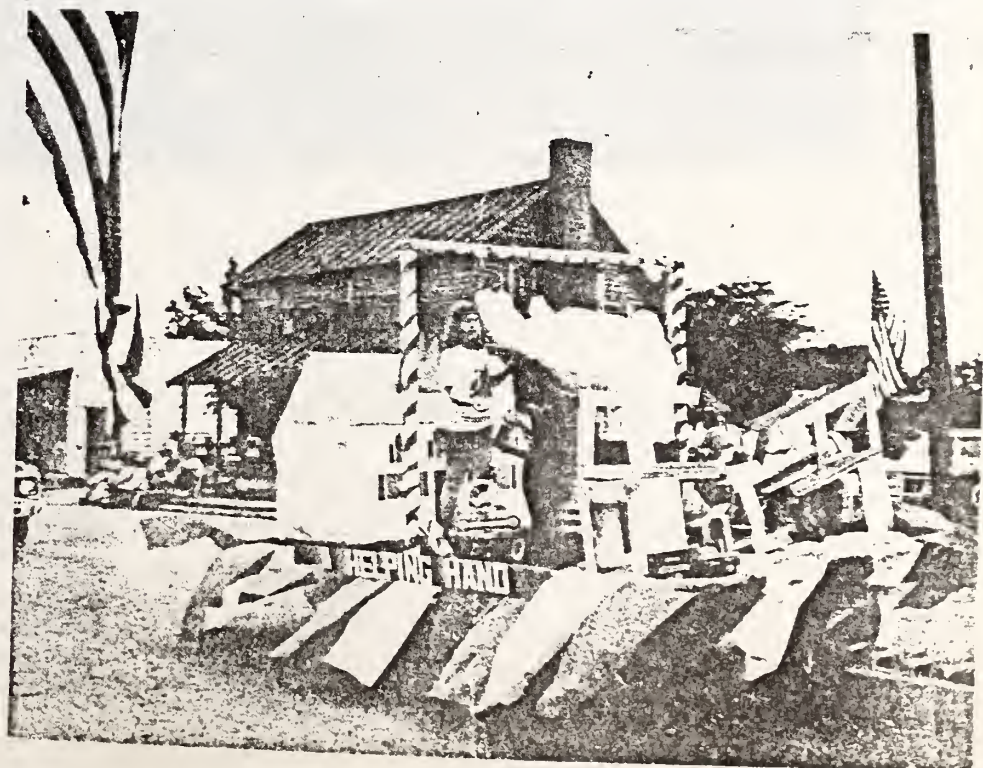
MUSIC, Marching And Beautiful Floats

THE YADKIN RIPPLE, YADKINVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY, JULY 8, 1976-5

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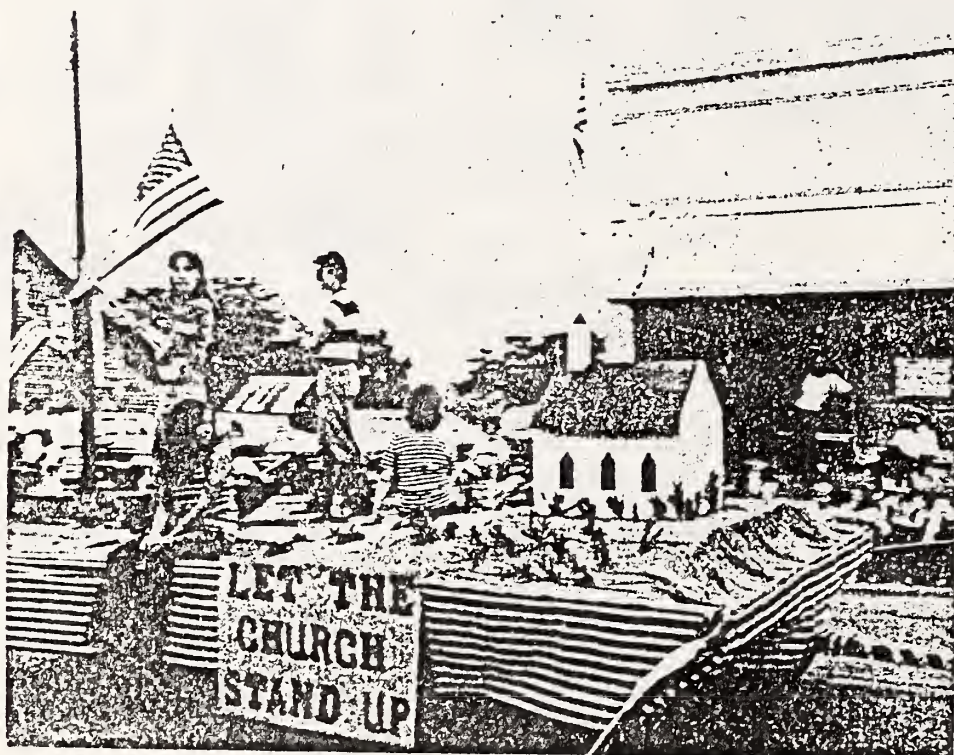


At East Bend, a large turnout of spectators lined the streets to watch elaborate floats, several featuring a Bicentennial theme this year. First place in commercial entry went to Karla's Kurls (at left) while Adams Lumber Co. won second place; East Bend Fireman's Auxillary won first place in the civic category (center photo) while East Bend Homemakers won second place; East Bend Baptist Church won first place in the youth category (right photo) while East Bend Evangelical Methodist Church took second place. East Bend Builders



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Supply won the patriotic entry and East Bend Jaycees took second place. One of the interesting entries in the parade was a T-Model Ford containing six World War 1 veterans, Dr. Edgar Benbow, Edgar Martin, Monroe Bean, Travis Hall, Ray T. Moore and Earlie Dull.



WORKING TO PROMOTE
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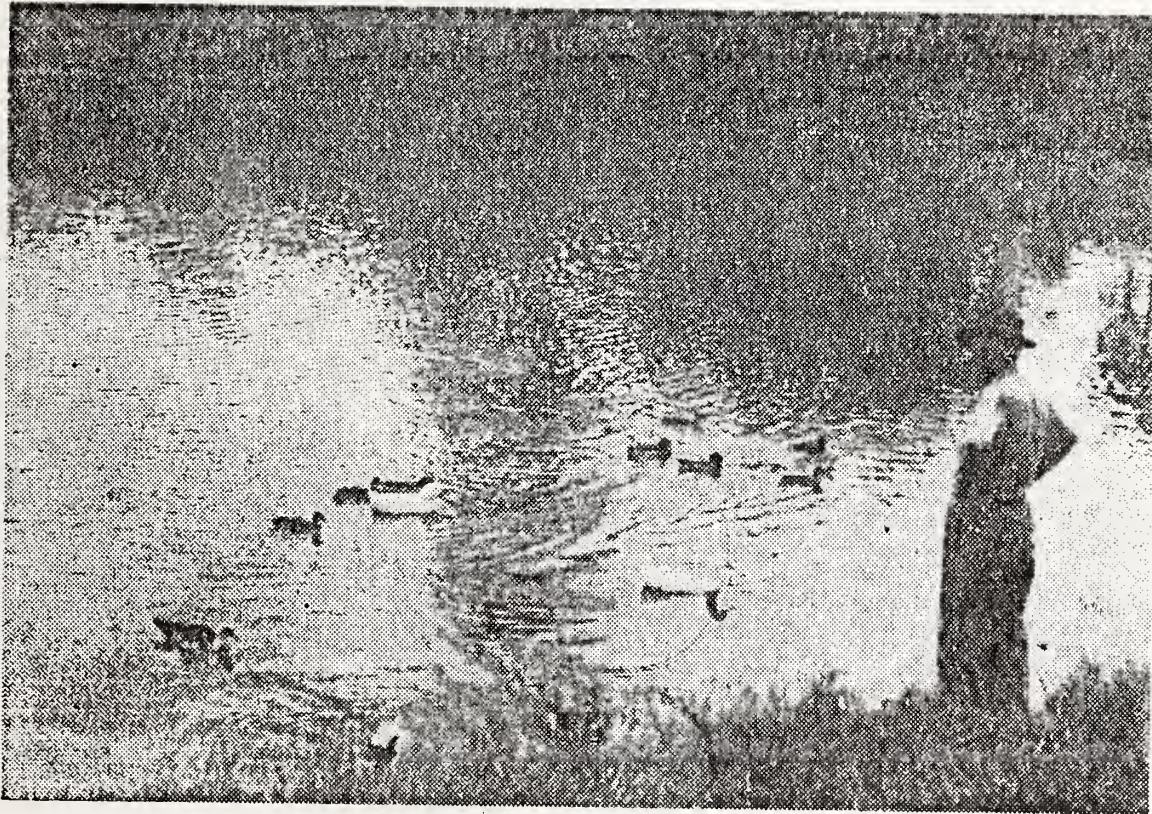
Frank Pickett

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CHARLIE HUFF looks at the ducks on his new lake in East Bend.

Lake And Recreation Area Established At East Bend

Site Located Just Behind
East Bend Baptist Ch.

By MYRTLE TOMLINSON

The Town of East Bend now has within its corporate limits something that is unique . . . that is for a town so small.

East Bend now has a two acre lake just a stone's throw from the center of town.

Early this year, around the first of March, Charlie Huff who is one of East Bend's most illustrious citizens, decided to build a recreation area.

The site Mr. Huff chose for his project was several acres of a farm he owns which is located

within the East Bend town limits. For the lake, a site was chosen just behind the East Bend Baptist Church.

Before any excavating at all was started, Mr. Huff discussed the project with Ned Hood, Yadkin County Soil Conservation expert. Mr. Hood surveyed the terrain where the proposed project was to be located and then worked out some plans and specifications for Mr. Huff to go by. These Mr. Huff followed very closely "and with good results" he declared.

Two acres of land were cleared and excavated. This was for the lake itself. Two more acres were allotted to spillways and grassy banks.

Water for the lake is supplied by two large springs. The lake is fourteen and a half feet deep at the deepest point.

Sometime this fall Mr. Huff will have the lake stocked with bream and bass. Already Mr. Huff and several of his friends have enjoyed happy hours of boating on the lake.

In addition to serving as a place of recreation, the lake will also be used to irrigate the fields of alfalfa and fescue grass which are on both sides of the lake. Also the three acres of milo, clay peas and millet he has sown to benefit the bird life there.

A small island, which he left in the middle of the lake, is the home of 16 ducks which Mr. Huff purchased and put there.

Ten are wild mallards, which he bought when they were only a day old. There are muscovie ducks and three are white peking ducks.

Mr. Huff said he planned the island in the lake to be a place of refuge for the ducks in the event an animal, such as a fox or some

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MORE ABOUT Recreation Area

others, tried to molest them. There is also a house for the ducks with the only opening extending out over the water so that no harm could come to them while they were in the house.

There are also several bird houses fastened to tall posts standing out in the lake.

This fall Mr. Huff is planning to get some swans and put in the lake.

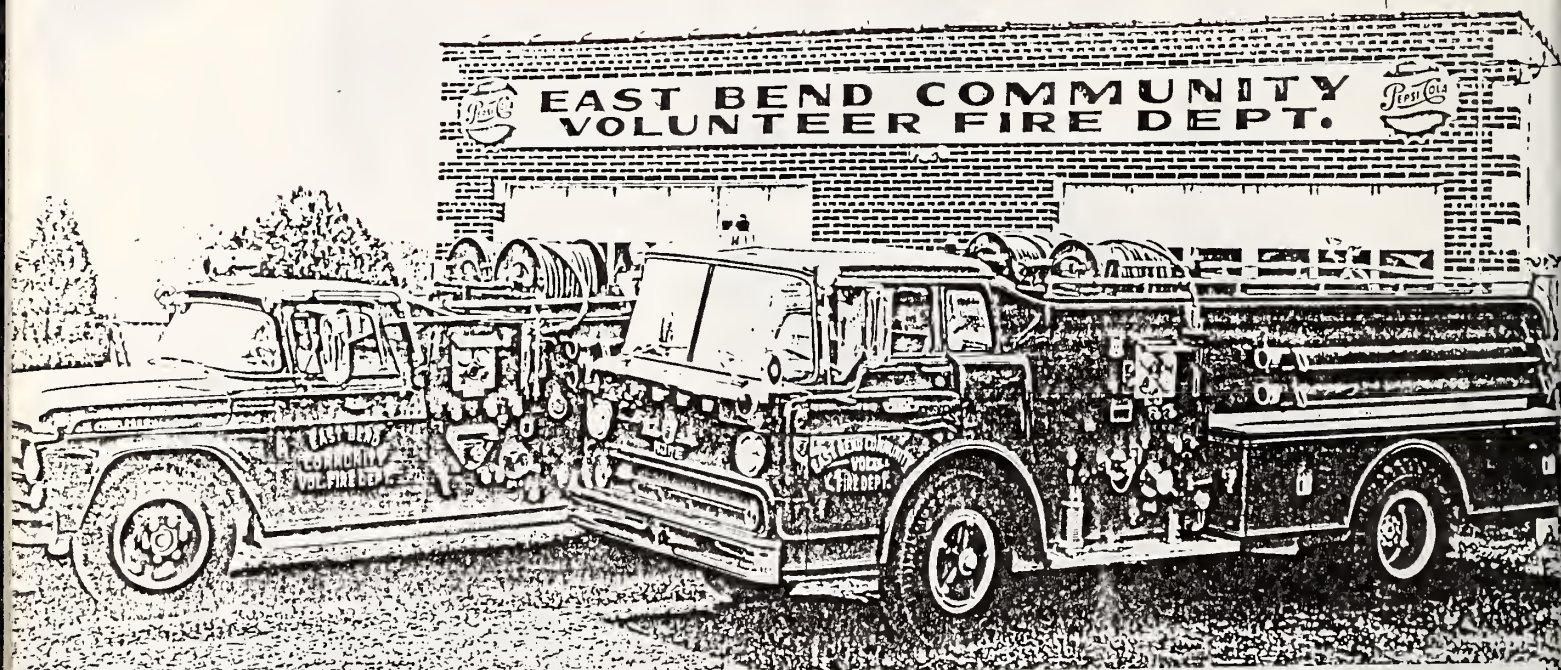
In addition to the bird life, there are numerous squirrels in the area. For these Mr. Huff has ten dens.

The lake is only a part of what Mr. Huff has planned for this project. Soon there will be picnic tables in the shaded areas near the lake.



Members of the "Odd Fellow Lodge"

Organizations



First Board of Directors, Fire Chief, and Assistants.
(Charles Fortune and Kent Huff not pictured.)

EAST BEND FIRE DEPARTMENT

The East Bend Community Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. was established on a solid footing by citizens of a community that saw the importance and necessity for adequate fire protection. From the very start to the present they have unselfishly given not only their monies but also their time to make this a successful organization.

A meeting of the citizens of the East Bend Community was held on January 14, 1957 in the East Bend School Auditorium, to elect a board of directors for their newest community project The Community Volunteer Fire Department. As a result of the voting the following were elected.

Three year term: J. D. Nicholson, H. B. Shore, Foy Norman

Two year term: Dewey R. Scott, Robert Steelman, Lester Long

One year term: Travis Smitherman, C. W. Fortune, J. H. Speas.

The first meeting of the board of directors was held on January 16, 1957 at which time a Fire Chief and three assistants were elected. They were, H. H. Hennings--chief, Thomas Dull, Kent Huff and Robert Steelman assistants. The chief and his assistants were directed to obtain as much information as possible about trucks and fire fighting equipment and report back to the board.

In the following weeks things moved at a fast pace as decisions were made about the purchase of a fire truck and equipment and also about the location of the fire station.

The first truck, a 1957 Ford equipped with Howe apparatus was ordered in February 1957 and was received on April 3, 1957. The lot where the fire station is located was donated by Mr & Mrs. Ed M. Martin in April 1957. Construction was started shortly thereafter and was completed on the two truck bays by December.

The first protective clothing for the firemen was purchased in May 1957 and consisted of 4 raincoats, 4 pair of boots and 4 helmets. The first meeting of the members of the fire department was held on March 29, 1957. The membership of the department then as today consists of 51 members.

The following years saw many changes and accomplishments for the fire department. In 1960 the Firemans Auxillary was organized. Through the years the support of these ladies has played an important part in the success of the fire department. In 1963 the department took delivery of a new 1963 Ford truck equipped with Howe fire

apparatus.

The worst fire to confront the department occurred on April 8, 1964 when the East Bend School burned. The firemen fought the blaze for several hours and were able to save the lunchroom and gym.

In December 1965 a telephone system was installed that would ring the telephones of twenty (20) firemen at once. This system helped establish a shorter response time to fires. In 1969 construction was started on two additional truck bays and the extension of the meeting hall. In August 1979 an order was placed for a new 1980 model truck. In 1985 the department purchased a 1972 mini-pumper.

The fire department has sponsored many events over the years, some of these being the July 4th parades, Miss Yadkin County Fire Queen beauty pageant, annual July 4th horse show, annual fiddlers convention, tractor pull and July 4th softball tournament.

Since the first organizational meeting on January 14, 1957 to the present day, countless hours of volunteer work, not only by the members of the fire department, but also by the citizens of the East Bend community, has assured our community of the best possible fire protection in an ever-changing world.

The success of this organization stands as a monument to the people of East Bend, and proves that the citizens of our community do very much care for the well being of their fellowman.



Mayor Ben Neill
..East Bend..

On Water Vote

East Bend Mayor Answers Queries

Mayor Ben Neill, a key figure in East Bend's drive to construct the town's first central water system, recently outlined some of the things he hopes the installation will mean to the town... and at the same time answered many of the most often asked questions.

Of the system, Mayor Neill said:

"A water system installed in East Bend will increase property values in and around East Bend. It will provide us with purer water. It will bring us more adequate fire protection, and will prove vital to the future growth of our community."

These are key points on which Mayor Neill and other proponents of the water system hope to gain a favorable vote when the town's residents go to the polls to decide the issue early in May.

Interviewed recently, the mayor

or answered a number of pertinent questions. The questions, and Mayor Neill's answers:

Q. What are East Bend's plans on a water system?

A. We plan to construct a system that will serve the East Bend Community if the voters approve.

Q. Where will the town get the money?

A. We have a tentative commitment of a \$100,000 grant and a \$135,000 loan from Farmers Home Administration. We will soon have a vote asking residents to approve the borrowing of \$135,000. This loan is to be repaid in 40 years. The interest rate is 4 1/2 percent.

Q. Will town taxes have to be raised?

A. No. Not if 70 to 80 percent of the residents will become water customers. This would make the system self supporting.

Q. How much will it cost to hook on to the system?

A. Current plans call for a \$25.00 tap-on fee while the system is under construction. If a person waits until construction is completed the fee will be considerably higher.

Q. What are the proposed water rates?

A. The proposed rates call for a \$3.50 minimum for the first 3,000 gallons inside the town, and a \$5.00 minimum for the first 3,000 outside the town.

Q. What types of pipe will be used?

A. The 6 inch pipe will be asbestos cement and the 2 inch pipe will be plastic.

Q. Why doesn't the town use iron pipe?

A. It is estimated that iron pipe would almost double the cost of the system. East Bend could not borrow this much money.

Q. Why doesn't East Bend build a sewerage system also?

A. We couldn't borrow enough money. After a few years I hope we can install a sewerage system also.

Q. Will the town adopt an ordinance forcing people to tie on to the system?

A. No. However, we hope to get 80 percent to tie on.

Q. Where will the town get the water?

A. From two or three deepwells.

Q. Will the system have fire hydrants?

A. Yes.

Q. Will property owners be assessed when pipes run by their property?

A. No.

Q. Can a property owner install a meter in front of a vacant lot and not pay the monthly bill?

A. I understand that all meters installed will have to go to paying customers.

HISTORY OF EAST BEND RURITAN CLUB

The East Bend Ruritan Club was Chartered August 2nd, 1956 in a building on the old Fair Ground Property. The Charter was signed by the leading citizens of East Bend and surrounding community. The Charter was received by the first President of the club Mr. Jim Nicholson from an officer from the Ruritan National office.

The Ruritan Club is a Civic organization and the East Bend club helped to start The East Bend Volunteer Fire Department, The East Bend Health Center, and the East Bend Public Library. The members are active in other civic projects and have helped a number of individuals.

Jaycees Are Top Winners At Annual State Convention



East Bend Jaycees hold ten awards won last weekend. Seated (l to r) are L. C. Tucker Jr., Roy Crissman, Walter Jester Jr.; standing, Don Matthews, Archie Matthews, president, Joe Wooten and Clyde Lane.

East Bend Well Driller Finds Water

Second Well Started; Mayor Neill 'Pleased'

Well drilling operations at East Bend, part of the town's new water system project, drew loud hurrahs Monday when drillers struck water and opened a well estimated to have a capacity of 60 gallons per minute.

"We are elated!" said Mayor Ben Neill. "To hit a well like this on the first try is wonderful news to us."

The well was drilled on land donated for the purpose by Brew-er Hutchins.

Mayor Neill said the driller, G. W. Clayton of Stanleyville, has already moved another drilling rig onto property donated by Ed Martin in the Martin Acres Development, and drilling operations are to begin there right away.

"Engineers tell us we need at least two wells with a combined capacity of 100 gallons per minute. Right now our prospects for reaching this capacity in a short time and a minimum of drilling seems very good," the mayor said.

Water was reached at a depth of 230 feet on the Hutchins lot, and the driller went an additional 33 feet.

Tony Snow, Farmers Home Administration supervisor for Yadkin, said the FHA loan will now likely go through in a very short while, since it has been demonstrated that water is readily available in the East Bend area.

Other property owners who have donated land for the town's use in well sites are: Frank Pickett, John Huff and Tommy Smith.

The water system, when completed, will be financed by a \$135,000 bond issue approved by the town's voters last May, and a \$100,000 loan from the FHA.

East Bend Seeks U.S. Aid

By SHERMAN SHORE
Staff Metropolitan Reporter

EAST BEND—Prospects for a central water system in East Bend are looking up.

Mayor Benjamin S. Neill said today that applications now are pending with the Farmers Home Administration for assistance in financing the project.

"As soon as we can get a commitment from the FHA, we can proceed with a referendum on the town's obligations in the project," he said.

"The tight money situation has slowed us down somewhat, otherwise we might have been well on our way with the work. But now the situation is looking favorable and we expect some definite action soon after the first of the year."

The current water situation is pretty serious, he said. "For example, the East Bend High School uses about 4,000 gallons of water per day. We have added to the storage capacity at the school, but even so, the supply frequently is exhausted by noon on warm days.

"Too, in recent months we have lost at least one desirable industry due directly to the lack of an adequate water supply. We have been greatly handicapped in our residential development for the same reason."

"We are beginning to realize only too well what we missed when we failed to take advantages of our opportunities 30 years ago."

At that time—the late 30s—WPA funds were available for community water and sewer systems. Other towns in Yadkin made use of these funds, but East Bend did not.

"We've got another opportu-

nity now," said Neill, "and we can't afford to pass it up."

The current project involves only a water system without the sewer service. "Once we get the water, we can start thinking about the sewer lines later," said Neill.

East Bend has a population of slightly less than 500. The water project is designed to meet the needs of at least 650 with possibilities of later expansion when necessary.

To provide the water supply, the proposal is to sink two wells with a flow capacity of 70 gallons per minute, or slightly more than 100,000 gallons per day, about twice the estimated minimum requirement.

Tanks with a storage capacity of 100,000 gallons, allowing a substantial reserve, would be erected in the central area. It was pointed out that the town lies generally on a ridge, and

with elevated tanks located atop this ridge, the water could be supplied throughout the town by gravity flow.

The estimated total cost was put at \$257,500. This includes \$49,000 for wells, tanks and tank foundations; \$161,355 for installation of the lines; \$18,600 for technical services; \$10,145 for contingencies, and \$18,000 for other costs.

Of this, \$4,000 has been expended in preliminary engineering surveys.

Of the remaining \$253,500, application has been made for grants totaling \$118,400, with \$135,100 to be sought as a loan, which would be amortized from consumer fees.

The estimated average fee schedule is \$4.16 monthly for domestic consumers within the town limits, \$5.74 for those outside the town and \$16.14 for businesses and schools.

East Bend Completes Well Plans

By SHERMAN SHORE
Staff Metropolitan Reporter

EAST BEND — Work on the first well for East Bend's water system should begin within 30 days, Mayor Ben S. Neill said Tuesday morning.

Final engineering plans for the storage facilities and distribution system have been completed and are being sent to the Farmers Home Administration for approval, Neill said.

The FHA has given tentative approval to a grant of \$100,000 to augment a bond issue of \$135,000 approved by East Bend voters in May.

In addition, two gifts of land for the facilities have aided substantially in holding down initial costs, Neill said.

Several days ago the proprietors of the East Bend Foodland, John Huff, Frank Pickett, C. B. Huff Jr. and Thomas Smith, donated a tract for an elevated storage tank.

This week Brewer Hutchens offered about an acre of land immediately behind the Methodist parsonage as a site for one of the wells.

Good Supply?

"I don't know if this location will have any beneficial effect on the possibility of water or not," Neill said, "but we are hopeful that it will yield a good supply."

Two or three wells may be required to provide an adequate supply. Dick Peace of Raleigh, a state hydrologist, met with town officials Monday and explored possible well sites. He is expected to be followed later this week by an engineer of the State Health Department to assure that chosen sites will conform to sanitary regulations.

"We expect to begin collecting tap-on fees within the next week or 10 days so that we will have some money on hand to begin punching the wells," Neill said. "We have to establish our source of water before we can meet the requirements of the FHA grant."

"Once we hit water, we can proceed with the other installations."

"Right now everything seems to be going fine and we hope that within the next few months the whole system will be well under way."



Staff Photo

Receives Option

John M. Huff gives East Bend Mayor Ben Neill an option for the land where the town will build an elevated water tank. The tract was donated by the

owners of the East Bend Foodland, Huff, Frank Pickett, C. B. Huff Jr. and Thomas Smith. Construction of the water system will begin late this year.

East Bend Water Fee At Deadline

EAST BEND — The bargain rate for joining East Bend's community water system ends today.

Tomorrow the tap-on fee will go up from \$25 to \$150, which will be the regular rate from now on.

"We set the initial fee as low as possible to give everyone a chance to sign up at the beginning," said Mayor Ben S. Neill. "But we had to set a deadline, and today is it."

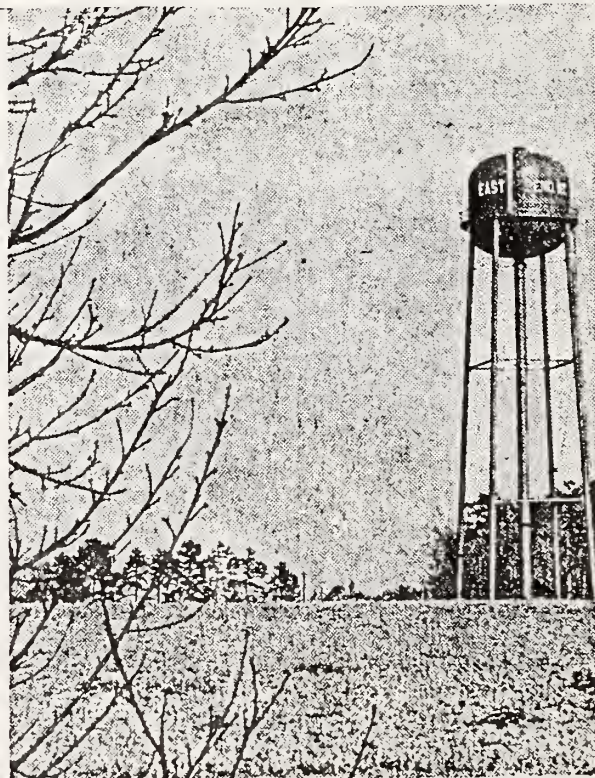
Those waiting until the last minute will be able to pay their fees tonight at the town hall, Neill said.

Most of engineering has been completed and work on sinking the wells is expected to get under way shortly, he added. Sites already have been donated for the wells and for an elevated storage tank.

The Farmers Home Administration has given tentative approval to a loan of \$100,000, to augment a bond issue of \$135,000 approved by East Bend voters last May.

However, the wells must be completed and an adequate supply of water established before the loan is made.

Neill said the deadline on the tap-on fee had brought in a large number of persons in recent days. The funds collected will make it possible to proceed with the work on the wells without going into the bond or loan funds, Neill said.



Staff Photo

East Bend Landmark

A coat of bright red paint has turned East Bend's new 100,000-gallon water tank into a landmark for motorists on N. C. 67. The tank will store water which will be pumped from two new wells at a combined flow of 100 gallons per minute. The new system, which is being financed by a \$135,000 bond issue and a \$100,000 grant from the Farmers Home Administration, is supposed to be finished and in operation by May 2.

East Bend Hopeful Of Industrial Gains

By SHERMAN SHORE
Staff Metropolitan Reporter

EAST BEND — With a new community water system ready to go into operation soon, East Bend citizens are again thinking about revitalizing the town's industrial potential.

A meeting has been scheduled for 7 p.m. today in the Town Hall, when prospects for setting up a new industry promotion corporation will be discussed.

A corporation was established several years ago, but it never achieved much success and it has been inactive in recent years.

Mayor Ben S. Neill, who has devoted considerable time and effort to furthering East Bend's plans for the future, was highly optimistic.

"We have had opportunities to bring new industries here," he said, "but the lack of an adequate water supply has proven a serious handicap.

Got Bond Issue

"We all pitched in and got a bond issue and a federal grant for a water system approved. The wells have been drilled, nearly all the lines have been laid and the storage tank is nearing completion. Within a few more weeks our water system will be in operation.

"We're ready now to start emphasizing the desirability of this area for new businesses and industries. I think we have a great deal to offer, both as to location and labor potential."

The move toward setting up a new industry promotion corporation was introduced at a recent meeting of the East Bend Ruritan Club. At this meeting, Ralph Poindexter, club president, named a five-member committee to sound out the proposal to other residents of the community.

Ralph Smitherman, retired school principal and farmer, was named to head the committee.

Among those expected to attend tonight's meeting, which will be open to the public, are Joe C. Matthews, executive director of the Northwest Economic Development Commission, and Tony McCreight of Salisbury, regional representative of the commerce and industry division of the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL OF BONDS

NOTICE is hereby given of intention of the undersigned to file application with the Local Government Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina, for its approval of the issuance of the following proposed bonds of the Town of East Bend, North Carolina, which bonds shall be subject to the approval of the voters of said Town at an election.

\$135,000 WATER BONDS for the purpose of providing funds with any other available funds, for constructing a waterworks system for said Town, within and without the corporate limits of said Town including supply, storage, distribution and appurtenant facilities and the acquisition of necessary land, rights of way, and equipment.

This notice was first published on the 9th day of March, 1960. Any citizen or taxpayer objecting to the issuance of all or any said bonds may file with the Local Government Commission a verified statement setting forth objections as provided in Section 159-7.1 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, in which event shall also file a copy of such statement with the undersigned, at a time within ten days from the date of such first publication. A copy of this notice must be attached to the statement so filed. Objections set forth in said statement shall be for consideration by the Commission in its determination of whether or not it may hold a public hearing as provided by Section 159-7.1 on the matter of issuance of said bonds.

TOWN OF EAST BEND
By Benjamin S. Neill
Mayor

Mar. 9, 1960

SECTION I ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the TOWN OF EAST BEND for the construction of Water Distribution Facilities and an Elevated Storage Tank at the EAST BEND, NORTH CAROLINA Town Hall on or before 2:00 p.m., D.S.T., June 27, 1960, at which time said bids will be publicly opened and read.

The project consists of the following approximate quantities:

Contract No. 1: Water Distribution System

500 L.F.	8" Asbestos Cement Pipe
28,000 L.F.	6" Asbestos Cement Pipe
4,700 L.F.	4" Asbestos Cement Pipe
2,200 L.F.	3" Polyvinyl Chloride Pipe
21,000 L.F.	2" Polyvinyl Chloride Pipe
4,600 L.F.	3-4" Polyethylene Plastic Pipe

Miscellaneous valves, fire hydrants, meters, pipe boring, concrete and other appurtenances.

Contract No. 2: Elevated Water Tank 75,000 Gallon Capacity

Plans and Specifications will be on file in the Town Hall, East Bend, North Carolina; the A. G. C. offices in Charlotte and Greensboro, N. C.; F. W. Dodge offices in Charlotte and Raleigh, N. C.; and the offices of Henningson, Durham & Richardson, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 700 South College Street, Charlotte, N. C. They may be obtained from the engineer upon deposit of \$16.00.

The total amount of the deposit will be returned to those Contractors submitting a bona fide Proposal provided plans and specifications are returned to the Engineer in usable condition within ten days after the opening of bids. No refund will be made to those Contractors not furnishing a bid.

Equipment suppliers and prime bidders may obtain all or any prints of drawings upon payment of the costs established below and such costs are not refundable.

Additional specifications for prime bidders and all specifications for all others will be issued on a purchase basis only. Individual sheets or sections of the Specifications will not be available.

Deposits and charges for plans and specifications are as follows:

Plan Sheets — \$1.00 per sheet —
Specifications — \$10.00 — Set of Plans & Specifications — \$16.00.

All Proposals must be submitted on separate bid forms furnished by Henningson, Durham & Richardson, Inc., and must be enclosed in an envelope sealed and addressed to Mr. B. S. Neill, Jr., Mayor, Town of East Bend, East Bend, North Carolina. The envelope must be marked:

"Proposal for Contract No. 1 Water Distribution System-Contract No. 2 Elevated Water Tank"

and the name, address, and license number of the bidder shall be plainly marked thereon. Bid documents in specification shall not be used.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond in an amount not less than five (5%) per cent of the total amount of the bid and shall be made payable to the Town of East Bend, North Carolina, as a guarantee that the bidder, if successful, will execute the contract and file the required performance bond. Checks accompanying bids not accepted shall be returned to the Bidder.

Contractors are notified that "An Act to Regulate the Practices of General Contracting," ratified by the General Assembly on March 10, 1925, and as subsequently amended, will be observed in receiving and awarding general contracts.

The successful bidder will be required to give a performance bond in the amount of 100 per cent of the contract price. The Town of East Bend reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities.

Town of East Bend, North Carolina
By B. S. Neill, Jr., Mayor
Henningson, Durham & Richardson, Inc.
Engineering, Architecture and Planning
Charlotte, North Carolina
Jour.—June 6.

East Bend Public Library

West Main Street

East Bend, N.C.



Joyner's Grocery Store, known to most in East Bend as a place to get groceries or just to sit a spell and hear the latest gossip, was built some years ago. Then, there were no thoughts of it being anything other than a grocery store until a group came along to change that.

In July of 1984, the East Bend Extension Homemakers and Ruritans met to discuss the possibility of a public library. The two groups appointed a committee to do a study for such a project.

The committee conducted a survey with the guidance of the Regional Library and the Yadkinville Public Library during the fall of 1984. The survey revealed a genuine interest and a real need for a library in the community.

The Yadkin County Library Board of Trustees met in April of 1985 and the East Bend Steering Committee asked to be included in the program. During the meeting, the Board heard the committee's requests for a library and for the loan of books from the Regional Library. The Yadkin Library Board responded positively and made some request to which the committee agreed in order to secure the loan of books.

Among the requests were: having a building leased, collecting a guaranteed amount of funds, estimating the cost of utilities, and having a specific number of shelves.

The request were not unusual, but the time in which they were accomplished is. The committee secured a building, established safety codes, and fulfilled all other request between April 29 and May 4, 1985 when the committee went before the Yadkin County Library Board again.

Surprised by the effort and quality of work approval was given for the loan of books. With the go ahead and funds from the Extension Homemakers and Ruritans the former Joyner's Grocery Store underwent an overhaul beginning May 15, 1985. The renovation of the building became a reality with the opening of the East Bend Library one month later on June 15, 1985. This would not have been possible without help from volunteers, support from the businesses and citizens, pledge of funds from the East Bend Town Board, and approval of funds from the Yadkin County Commissioners.

LIBRARY HOURS

TUESDAY 2:30-7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY 9:30 am-12:30 pm
1:30-4:00 pm

The East Bend Public Library is looking toward the future with anticipation. Numerous activities are planned including: programs for children during school hours as field trips, a reading and storytime for children, and a showing of old movies on Sunday afternoons for families.

Donations can be made at Northwestern Bank into the East Bend Library Fund or at the East Bend Public Library

East Bend Public Library
P.O. Box 69
East Bend, N.C. 27018

Telephone-Area Code: (919) 699-3890

Donations can also be made in the form of subscriptions to newspapers, magazines, or books.

THE SENIOR CITIZENS OR HAPPY HEARTS

In the fall of 1972, Edna Steelman and Rev. Jim Byrd decided East Bend needed something for the older people of the community so they organized what was called "The Senior Citizens Group". It was for anyone that wished to come if they were 55 years or older. The meetings were held on a Wednesday morning once a month at the East Bend Baptist Church.

A program of songs, devotions, games and any other entertainment we wished, along with good refreshments, in fact a light lunch was served. Many enjoyed this and a good sized number was usually present, probably as many as 30 being present at first.

This carried on until it became necessary for Edna to go back to work. We then took turns being hostesses and at times had covered dish lunches. Annie Lee Lewis was our president, she named the group "The Happy Hearts" and has remained until now that name.

Many have had to drop out and we have lost many loved ones, so our little group is small now. We are hoping that some of our senior friends will want to join us and build it back up to where it started.

By: Mattie Lou Davis

EAST BEND EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS CLUB

In 1939 Miss Irene Brown met with three ladies in the home of Mrs. Agnes S. Doub and organized the East Bend Home Demonstration Club. The other ladies were Mrs. Elsie M. Speas and Mrs. Fannie S. Doub. There were about twelve charter members of this club. Mrs. Fannie Doub soon left and joined the Forbush-Enon-Baltimore club and became their president.

The first project was canning tomatoes, then green beans, yeast bread making, etc.

The club met in the homes of its members at first, later meetings were in the old school gym. For the last ten years or more the meetings have been in the East Bend Fire Station. Along the way the name was changed to the East Bend Extension Homemakers Club. Many projects have been carried out through the years, such as canning, preserving, pickle making, home improvements, beautifying yards, growing better gardens. Much was learned about sewing, and making clothes from feed sacks.

We served dinners to different clubs making money for our club. We had a quilting party and many work shops through the Surry Community College on crocheting, knitting, basket weaving, pine needle baskets etc. We took part in making and selling cook books and in the Sunbonnet Festival at East Bend. Making and selling brunswick stew.

We have had booths at the Dixie Classic Fairs.

Mrs. Agnes Doub had a perfect attendance record of 31 years. We have worked with the Ruitan Club for the last few years serving Bar-B-Q Beef suppers, selling around 800 tickets for each supper.

The last big project was starting the East Bend Library, which was opened June 1985, and so far very successful.

Our club now has an enrollment of 28. We have had many good presidents at present she is Elsie R. Davis.

By: Mattie Lou Davis



Transportation

R. B. Horn

Will run a Hack line from East Bend to
Donnaha on the following schedule:

Leave Hotel, East Bend, 7:45 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Leave Donnaha immediately on arrival
of up trains.

Good Teams, Safe Driver and nice Hack.
Prices Reasonable. 50c. Each way.

(Not responsible for accidents)

INDIAN TRAILS

There were two main Indian trails in the area that is now Vadkin County. The longer trail ran east to west almost the length of the county, crossing the "Vatkin" River near Donnaha. This trail later became known as Richmond Road. It was on this route, about three miles from the river that Martin Banner settled and built his store. The settlement of Banner's Store later became East Bend. Highway 67 basically follows this same route.

RIVER FORDS

Early settlers soon found the best places to cross the river. These were called "fords."

Yellow Bank Ford was probably located near Donnaha Bridge.

Bean Shoals Ford

Sycamore Ford was located midway between Yellow Bank Ford and Bean Shoals Ford. The road leading to this ford from East Bend, the Sycamore Ford Road, is presently the Union Hill Road.

Will Poindexter-Ferry Operator at Donnaha

Will Poindexter, a descendant of slaves of John G. (Jack) Poindexter lived southeast of Poindexter's spring. The chimney of his house was made with sticks and mud "dovved" together with clay. He was taught to read and count enough to operate the ferry by P.H. Poindexter.

For several years he lived in his small house by the Vadkin River with his wife, Dora and daughter, Carrie who went off to school to become a teacher. Will owned a nice carriage and was a familiar figure on the road.

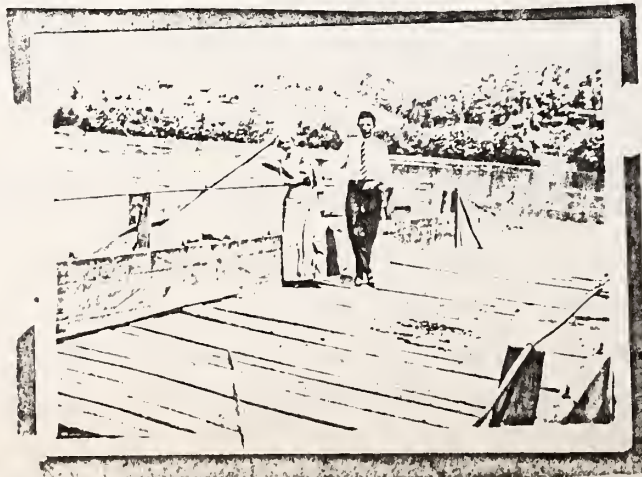
When the 1916 flood came, Will was flooded--hollared for help from the Poindexter family but could not raise any of them. Before daybreak, he and his wife walked to the meadow. But finding it flooded also, he picked up Dora and wading the high flood waters, carried her to safety. Will lived to be an old man.

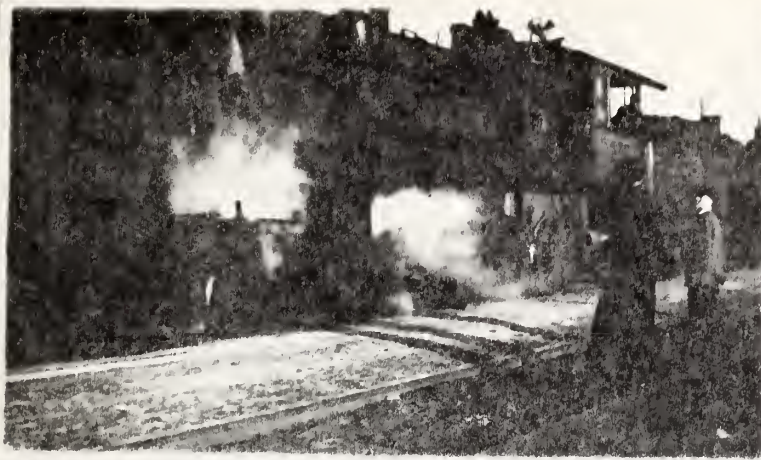
FERRY AT DONNAHA

The Donnaha or Poindexter Ferry was built in the 1770's by Thomas Poindexter. It was located about one mile north of the present bridge. People in this area traveling to Richmond and Salem crossed the river here. Richmond was located across the river in Surry County. The town was begun in 1774 and was the location of the Surry County Courthouse where Andrew Jackson was admitted to the bar. (Woodall and Snively 1975). Throughout the nineteenth century, this ferry continued in use, carrying people and after 1890, mail and freight from the railroad depot at Donnaha Station. The ferry could carry two wagons with horses. It was attached to a cable that stretched from shore to shore. As the ferry operator used the windlasses or wheels on the ferry to angle it against or with the current of the river, the ferry would move slowly to the opposite bank. There was also a small boat for passenger-only transportation. A small building near the ferry provided shelter for the ferry operator. (See Poindexter sketch)

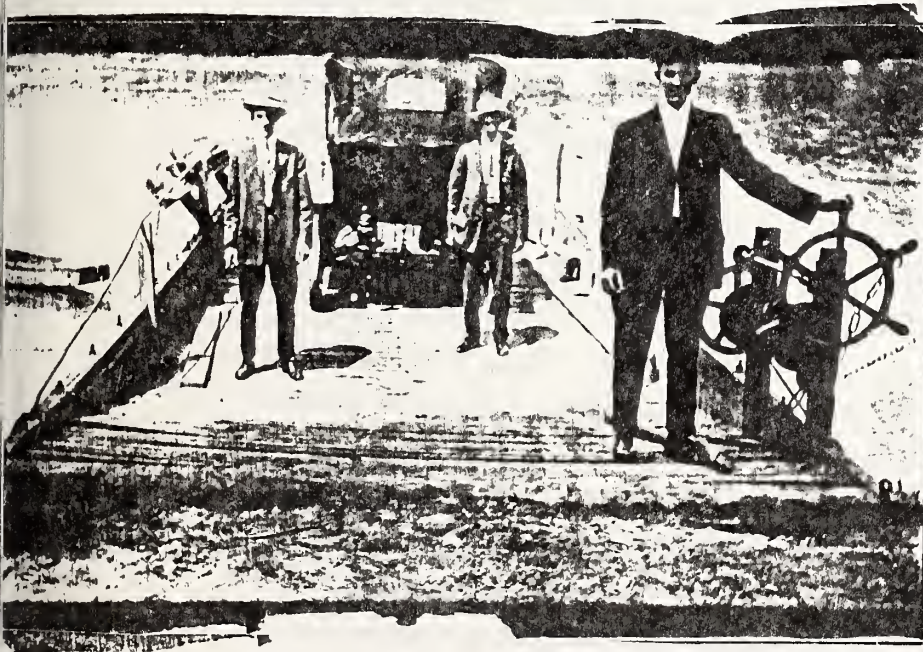
The H. P. Martin ferry, chartered in the mid to late 1800's operated "up the river" in sight of the Poindexter Ferry. In 1894, Poindexter purchased this ferry thereby terminating the operation of his competition. (Deed Book 0-Vadkin County Courthouse)

The Poindexter ferry continued to operate for several years after the first bridge was built in the early 1900's. Mr. O. V. Poindexter was heard to say by his son, Mr. S.P. Poindexter, that he'd rather transport a big load of lumber by ferry than trust the bridge. But there was a contract between Mr. Poindexter and the bridge company in 1916 that he would discontinue regular operation of his ferry in turn for free passage across the toll bridge. (Deed Book 6 Vadkin County Courthouse). However, flood waters washed away the bridge that year and the ferry was again transporting people and freight across the waters of the Vadkin.





Train at Donnaha Station



Ferry Rates in 1834, set by the Court of Surry County:

Four-horse wagon	50¢
Three-horse wagon	40¢
Two-horse wagon	30¢
One-horse wagon	25¢
One horse and man	12½¢
Footman	6½¢
Cattle	3¢ per head
Sheep and hogs	2¢ per head

A spring in east East Bend area, west of Donnahaha, was used by early Poindexters who settled here in 1772. It served as a source of water for several families for several generations.

Around 1900, after there was a railroad station at Donnahaha, the public road was used for hauling loads of merchandise from Winston and other places to East Bend. Many passengers came by on their way to other places in the state. Mail was delivered to the section by train also.

P. H. and O.V. Poindexter operated a sawmill. They had a springhouse through which water from the spring ran through. A box shaped section inside the springhouse held vessels of milk, butter, and other items which needed to be kept cool.

A little pond was just outside the springhouse. Water was piped by iron pipe to the big watering trough from the little pond. The water flowed continuously. Around 1920 a better springhouse was built. Iron pipe was replaced by little long wooden troughs that carried the water to a big drinking trough.

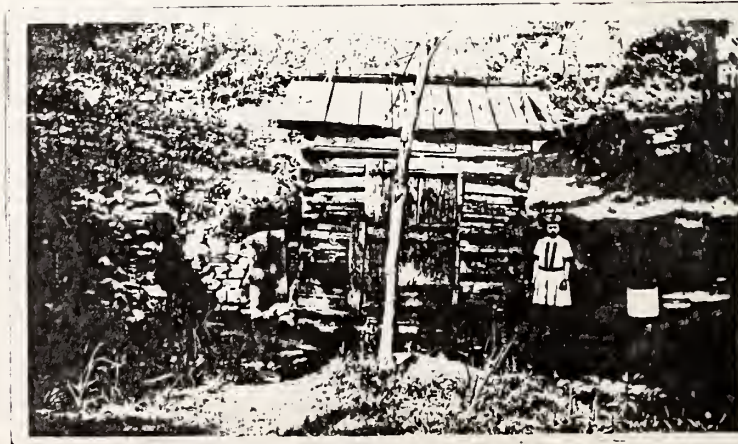
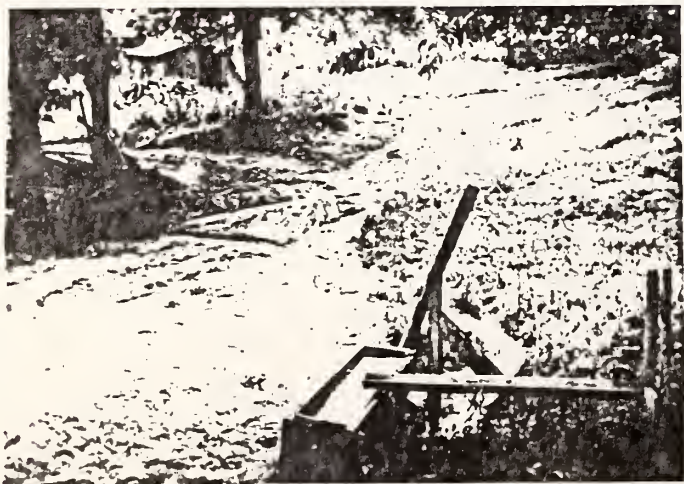
All who passed by with loads pulled by horses or mules were glad to get to a source of water. Many people came on up to the spring for a drink of cool, clear drinking water.

Many wagons hauled loads from the railroad to East Bend and other places. Mail, poultry, butter and other items were shipped to places from Donnahaha. Students would go by train to various college towns.

Wagons from other parts of the county would sometimes camp near the spring then continue the trip to Winston the next day.

Over the years many people came by the spring. Everyone who worked in the fields were glad to get to the spring. Picnics were often held in the summer.

By Eugenia Poindexter



FERRY AT SHOALS

The Shoals ferry was built around 1908 by Mr. John A. Martin. Later it was operated by his son, Mr. Ed Martin. It provided passage for vehicles as well as passengers to and from the settlement of Shoals and the depot there. East Bend merchants were grateful for this outlet to a railroad. The old Shoals Road started at what is now River Street, crossed Martin Creek, connected with the present Shoals Road near Mrs. Cleve Lane's house, and went on to the ferry at the present site of Yadkin Island Park.. a total distance of about three miles. At times when the river was very low, the ferry had to be poled across. When ice was thick on the river, the ferry operator would stand on the front of the ferry and break up ice with a pole or an ax.

When a bridge was built at Siloam, the Lack Hall ferry was no longer needed there so it was brought three miles downstream to Shoals where it continued to operate until about 1940. In the 1950's the ferry was owned and used by Mr. Ralph Smitherman to transport farm equipment to his fields on the "Big Island" near Shoals.

CONSTRUCTION OF CANAL BEGUN AT SHOALS

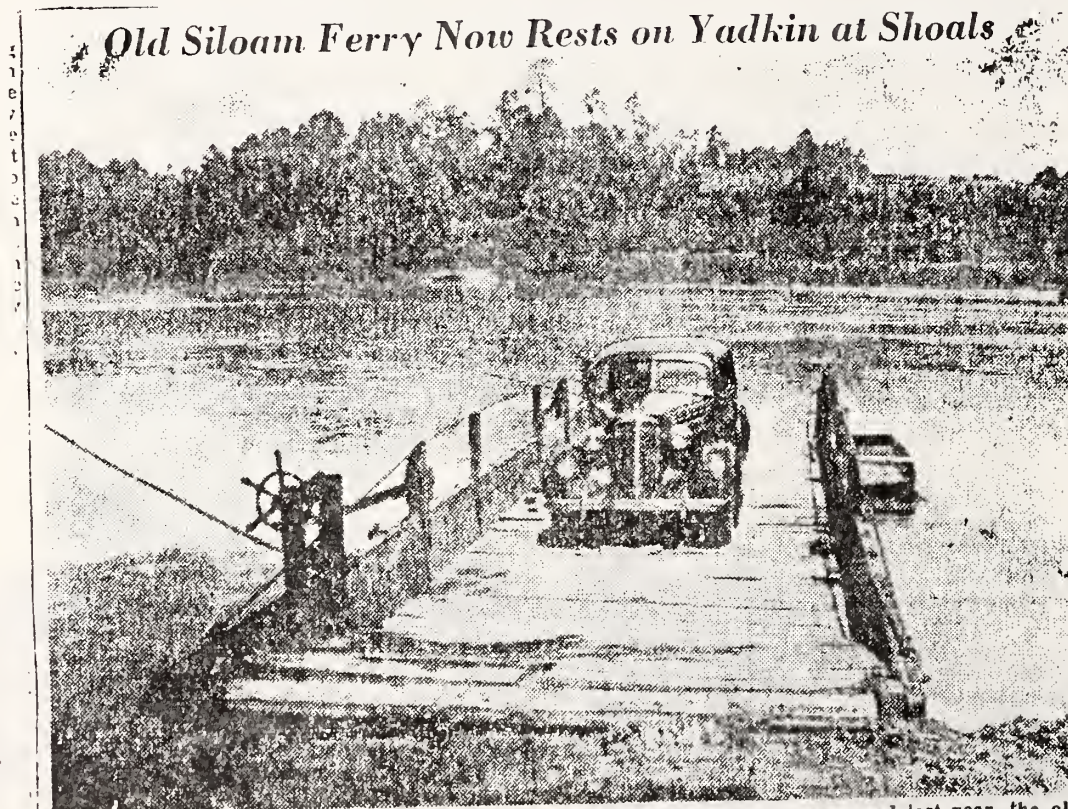
In an effort to make the Yadkin River navigable, the Yadkin Navigation Company was established in 1818. As a part of their project, the company began the construction of a canal at Shoals. Moravian records of 1820 refer to this project. But the amount of work undertaken was too great for the available funds so construction was stopped and never resumed. (William K. Boyd's and Lefler and Newsome's Histories of North Carolina)

YADKIN RIVER LOWEST EVER KNOWN 1911 (from an old newspaper article)

"Quite a number of our people have visited the Yadkin River at old Bean Shoals ford during the last week to look at the barren rocks in the river. Old people say they have never seen the river so low as it is now. The writer visited it, and I believe that with a plank ten feet long a man could walk across the river dry shod, just above where the old river mill used to stand. At the ferry at Shoals depot the ferry boat will hardly run at all and they do not attempt to carry over in it, a loaded wagon."

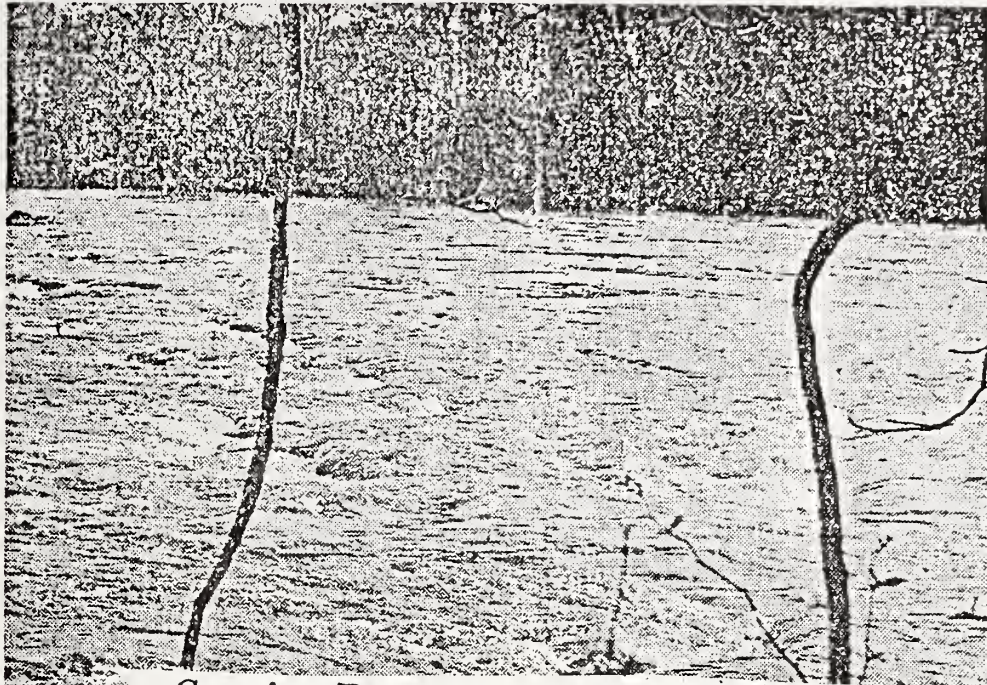


Mrs. J. G. Huff crossing the river on the Shoals Ferry from the Yadkin side around 1908.



Discarded when the new bridge across the Yadkin River at Siloam was opened last year, the old Siloam ferry is now resting on the bosom of the Yadkin River at Shoals, three miles down stream. This ferry was in operation for over 50 years and was once the only means of crossing the river at Siloam. Now residents of Shoals are hopeful of securing a hard surface road and bridge spanning the Yadkin to connect them with the Elkin-Winston-Salem highway on the south and the Pilot Mountain road in the north.—(Journal State Photo.)

Ruins of Quixotic State Canal Offered for Satellite Park



*Cousins Promote Yadkin River Property
to Be Included in Proposal*



Cousins John Truelove, left, and Ed Martin have looked at same stretch of the Yadkin River from opposite banks for years.

By Arlene Edwards

Staff Reporter

BANKS OF THE YADKIN — Two first cousins have looked at the same stretch of the Yadkin River from opposite banks for more than 70 years.

Consequently, they have seen or heard both sides of a lot of the river's real and imagined history.

One of the cousins, John Truelove, lives in the tiny Surry County community known as Shoals.

The other, Ed Martin, lives in the Yadkin County town of East Bend.

Both have agreed to sell their property along the river banks to the state for the proposed Yadkin River section of Pilot Mountain State Park.

Two big islands downstream from their property—one, a long, skinny 45 acres; the other, a short, fat 15 acres—are the major attractions in the proposed satellite park area.

Nooks and Crannies

But the two cousins are convinced that their river bank property has nooks and crannies that will delight island campers and picnickers for generations to come.

And they conducted enthusiastic tours of their opposing river banks last week.

Truelove, 79, led an exhausting hike down the railroad along Surry County's river boundary to the vine-covered remains of a canal wall built before 1820.

The wall was part of an ambitious internal improvements plan undertaken by the state legislature of 1815 in an attempt to make possible inland navigation on the state's major rivers.

The plan was pronounced a complete failure 18 years later after it had cost the state \$50,000 and many individuals who had invested in private navigation companies their personal fortunes.

"Lack of Experience"

William K. Boyd, in his state history published in 1919, said, "The amount of work undertaken was too great for the available revenue and there was a distinct lack of experience and skill . . . on the part of those directing the enterprises."

The Board of Internal Improvement used blunter language in its report to the legislature in 1833.

The politicians who devised the plans began improvements at the sources of all the principal rivers in the state, the report said, "with a fund not larger than some of our citizens have employed profitably on their own farms."

The science of engineering was "little understood" and no competent individual could be found to direct the projects. Other problems were "a wild spirit" which diverted funds from the proper direction and attempts "to gratify local feelings and interests, by commencing operations at many different points." This, the report said, "rendered the whole utterly useless, because none could be completed."

The Yadkin Navigation Co., which was formed in 1818, ran into trouble at Bean

Shoals—the portion of the river bed between the Truelove and Martin properties where ledges of sunken rocks zigzag erratically.

Surveyors had warned the 1817 legislators that improving the area would be expensive—that a three-mile canal would be needed to float the boats around the treacherous area and that a dam would be needed to lift the boats into the canal.

But, when construction started, stockholders were told in an 1825 report, "it was necessary to support one side of it (the canal) by a rock wall of solid masonry 15 feet high, along a line of more than 1,200 feet."

Construction was stopped after two miles and, because of the general financial difficulties, never resumed.

By 1890, the year Truelove was born, much of the canal wall was buried under the new railroad track between Wilkesboro and Winston.

Truelove's family lived on a high hill above the riverside depot for eight years, but the "chills" finally chased them a mile inland.

The "chills," he explained, was what folks in the area called malaria. It was caused, they believed, by something on the Yadkin side of the river — black pond.

Black pond is a sinister-looking swampy area that Ed Martin says was gouged out by flood waters many, many years ago.

Old folks in the area believed that it was bottomless. They would throw sticks in to prove it. After a long, long

time, the sticks would float back to the surface because, the believers said, there was no bottom for them to settle on.

Martin told stories last week about his isolated land along the Yadkin that were equally hard to believe.

He told about a sawmill and grain mill that had once thrived there; about a huge store building with three stories, a basement and an elevator that his father had built; about a ferry he had operated across the river to the depot for about 40 years; and about homes and barns and wagons.

There is only one house in the area today—the now deserted house that Reps Martin, a relative of Ed Martin, built in 1860 on a hill overlooking the two big islands in the Yadkin.

Time and the great floods of 1916 and 1940 have left only a pile of rocks here and an unusual ditch there, to back up Martin's stories.

But, when he talks, it is easy to visualize his riverside barn being swept down the river by flood waters to knock down the Donnaha bridge and push the Enon bridge off its foundation, to see the chickens riding on the barn's rooftop and flying off to light on the bridge just before the barn splintered against it.

You know, the way he tells it, that his drowned mule was really found "down below 421 leaned against a piano" and that his ferry really did come to rest in the top of a tree on one of the islands.

And, you know that if the money is found to buy the area for a park that the state will be getting a lot of local history as a bonus.



Old pictures show large ferry operating in Yadkin River, baptism in the river.

Man-Made Island Was Accident

ON THE YADKIN SIDE — There is a man-made island in the stretch of the Yadkin River proposed as a satellite area for Pilot Mountain State Park.

Ed Martin, who was postmaster in East Bend for years and years, is the man who made it.

Martin pointed to a roundish tree-covered island several yards from shore as he crouched last week on Yadkin County's bank of the

river and recalled how he started it decades ago.

His family, he explained, operated for about 40 years a ferry across the 800 feet of river separating Yadkin and Surry counties.

They did, that is, when the river was high enough.

The river was low when Martin accidentally started the island.

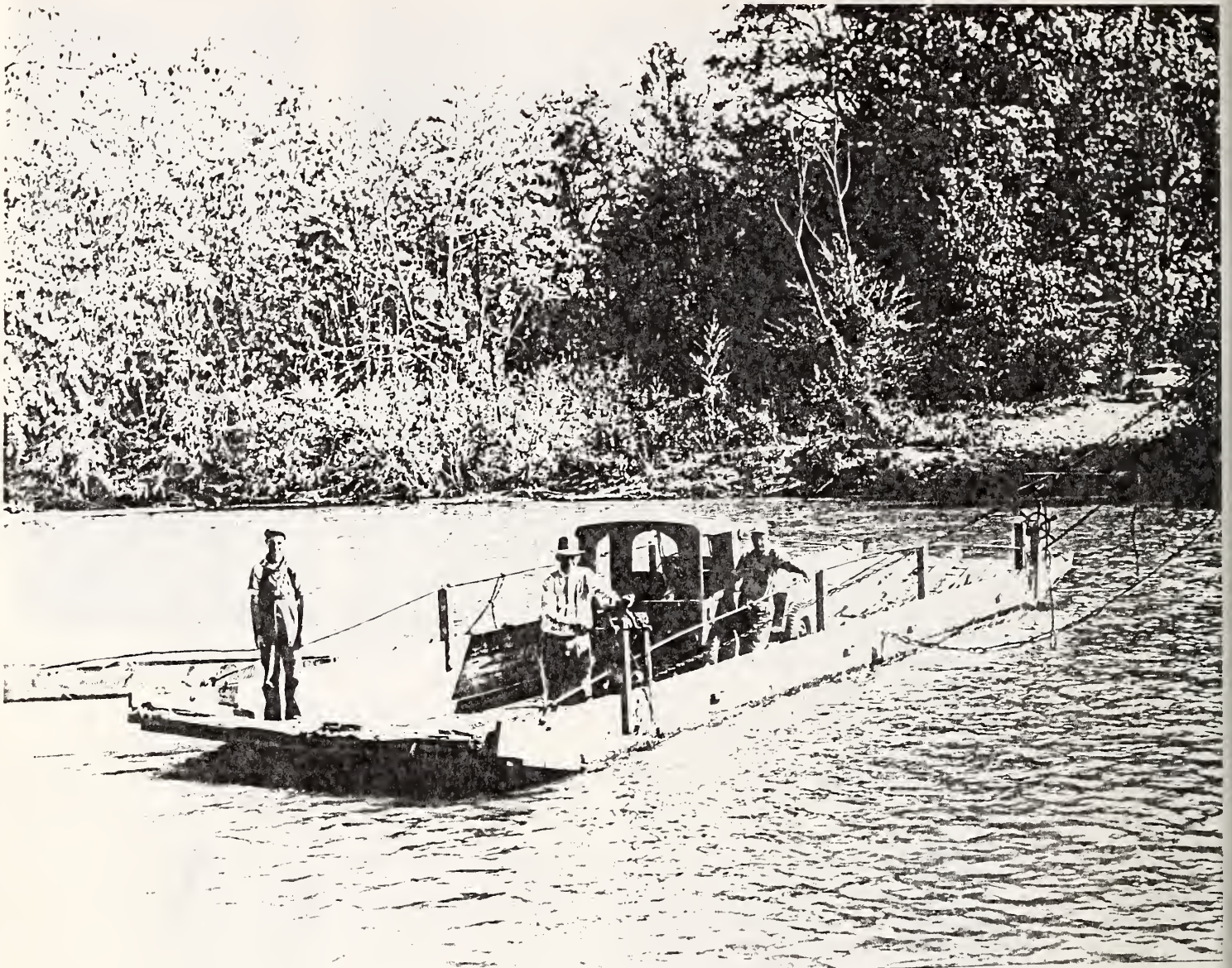
He was trying to take "the flat" across the river to Surry during "a real dry spell." But the river was so low the flat

got stuck on a sandbar in mid-stream, and he had to abandon it.

Then, before the water level got back up, Martin had a chance to buy the flat that was in use up the river in Siloam.

So he left his old one right where it was.

It gradually filled up with dirt, and, before long, some weeds were growing in the dirt. Today there are a number of head-high trees.



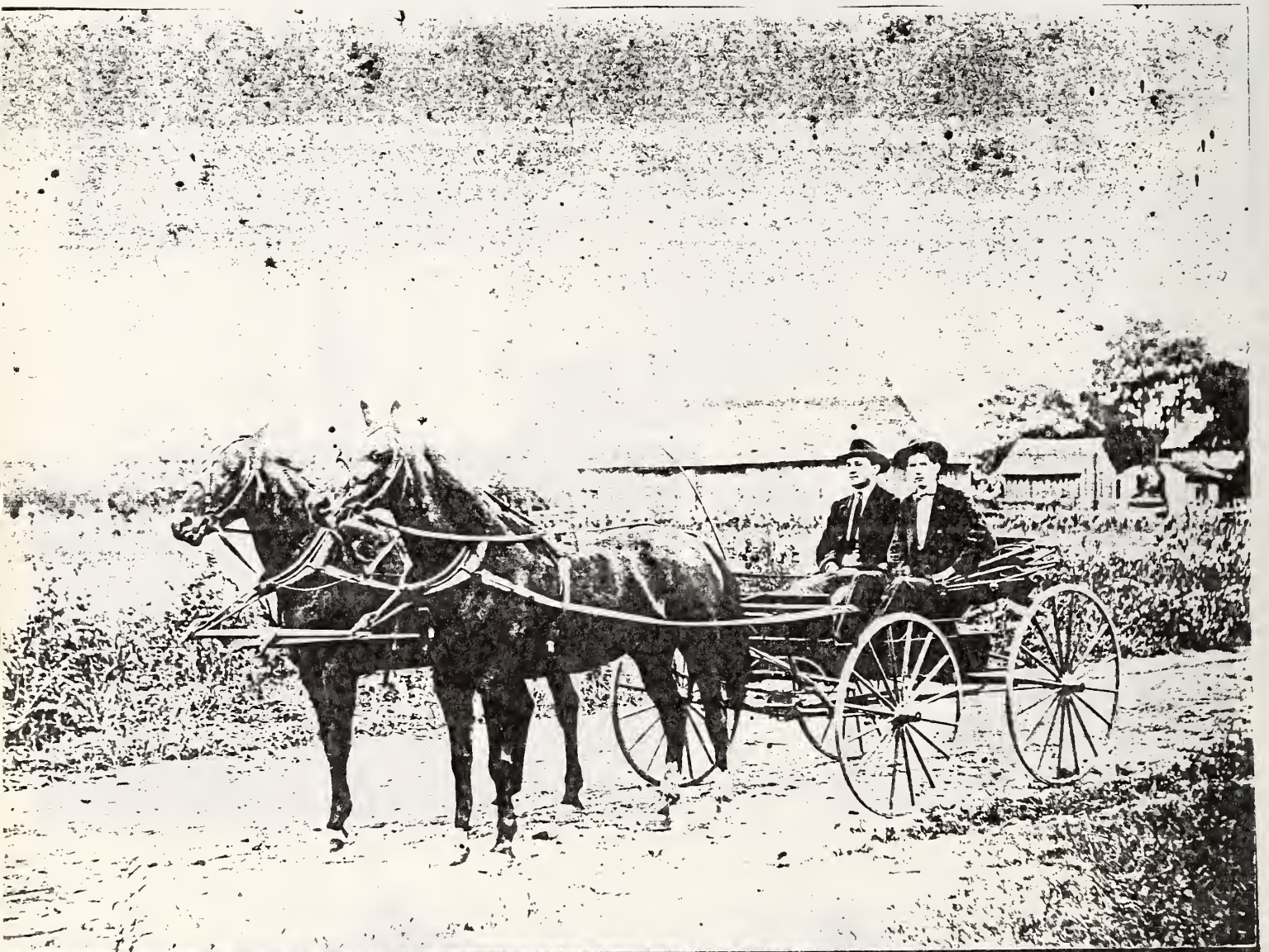
Lack Hall Ferry--last one used at Shoals. Shown here being used to transport vehicle to "Big Island" by Ralph Smitherman in 1950's.

BUGGIES AND SURREYS

Buggies were one-horse lightweight vehicles used for going to church, going to town, visiting, etc. J.G. Huff started his buggy business in 1873, producing many styles of buggies. At one time, he introduced a new invention, a Skeleton Phaeton called the Yaddin Valley. A buggy with iron-rimmed wheels could be bought for about \$50--one with rubber covered wheels for \$75. The Smitherman Buggy Works started by T. A. Smitherman and the Tomlinson Buggy Shop owned by Will Tomlinson and L. H. Huff also manufactured buggies.

Many people also owned surreys--four-wheeled, two-seated carriages--some with "the fringe on top." A laprobe was used to keep warm on cold days.





Dr. W. G. Leake (on right), used his buggy to make "house calls."

WAGONS

In the early days, wagons were an important means of transportation. Covered wagons were used for such trips as hauling tobacco to Winston-Salem which took two to three days. Two-horse frame wagons were used for log hauling and bed wagons were used for carrying wood, milling, etc. One-horse wagons were used for errands, light work and visiting.

H. E. DAVIS WAGON

During the years 1914-1925, Mr. H.E. Davis, a well-known East Bend merchant, used a wagon and later a T model truck to make daily runs to transport his goods (Golden Belt tobacco sacks) and bring supplies for his store. This wagon and its driver, Clauzzle Eccles was a familiar sight. Mr. Eccles has been described as a friendly, kind man, and a friend to children.



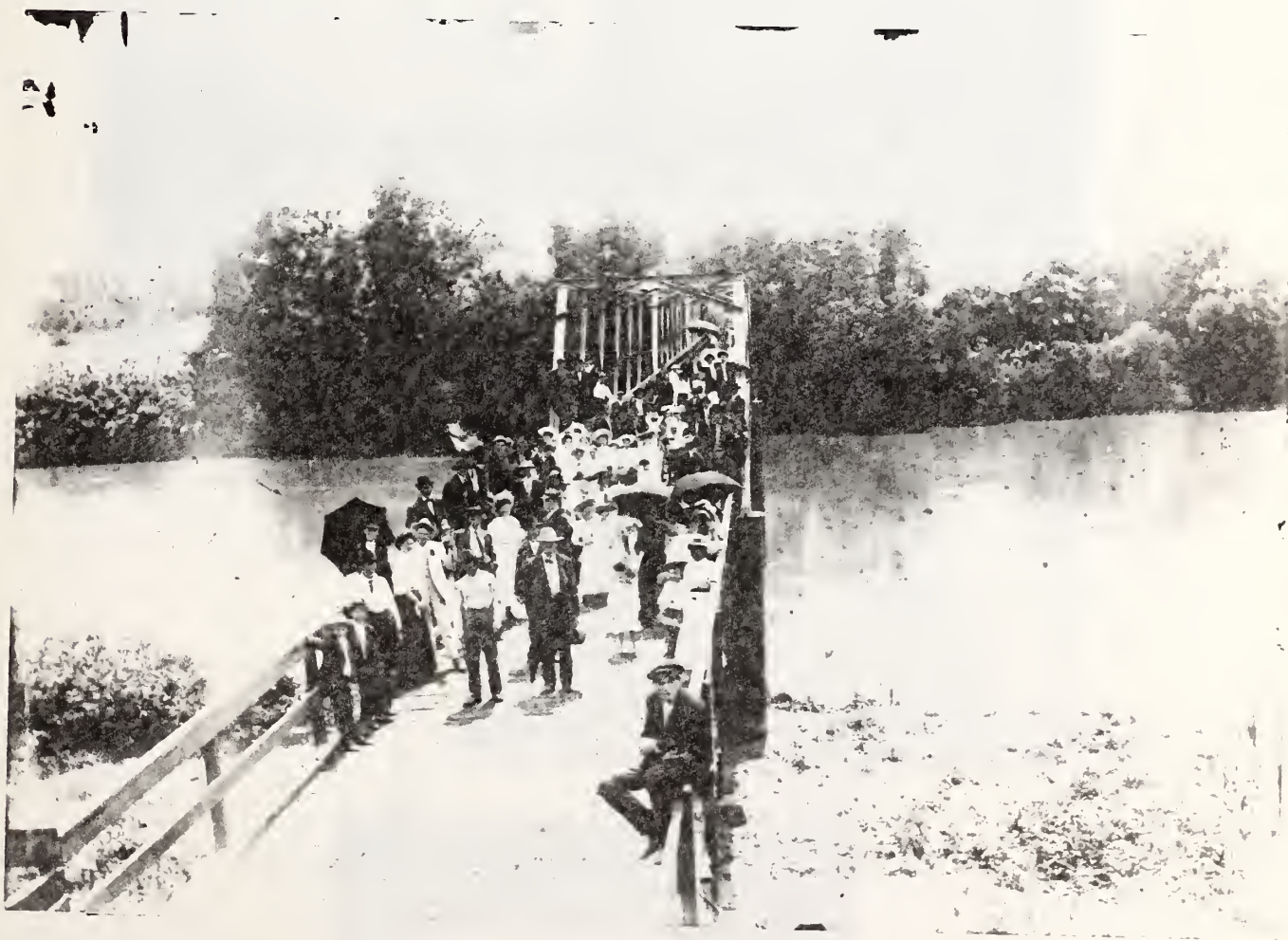
DRAVS AND HACKS

Another means of early transportation was a dray or a small, low wagon. When The Drummer's Home opened in 1846, its owner and proprietor Azariah Horn operated a dray service to Donnaha where he picked up and deposited patrons (Rutledge-History of Vadkin County). Later a hack (which is a carriage for hire) was operated in this manner by Mr. Baldwin Horn. At one time it was driven by Henderson Armstrong. This vehicle had two seats, a top with fringe and side curtains. In the winter of 1917, Wiley J. Poindexter drove this hack to carry mail from Donnaha. That winter the Vadkin River froze so solid that when Mr. Poindexter went to pick up the mail at Donnaha Depot, he drove his team of mules across the ice on the river.



BRIDGES AND ROADS

The first bridge to span the Vadkin River was built at Donnaha about one mile north of the present bridge (Rutledge-History of Vadkin County). (An old bridge pillar still stands.) It was a toll bridge built by W. A. Martin. The flood of 1916 washed this bridge away and it was replaced around 1918 by a second one near the site of the present bridge. It was constructed with county or state funds, therefore a toll was not charged. Around this same time, a sand-clay road was built which when straightened and paved in 1932-1933 became NC Highway 67. The present bridge was constructed in 1950. Highway 67 By-pass was built in 1960.

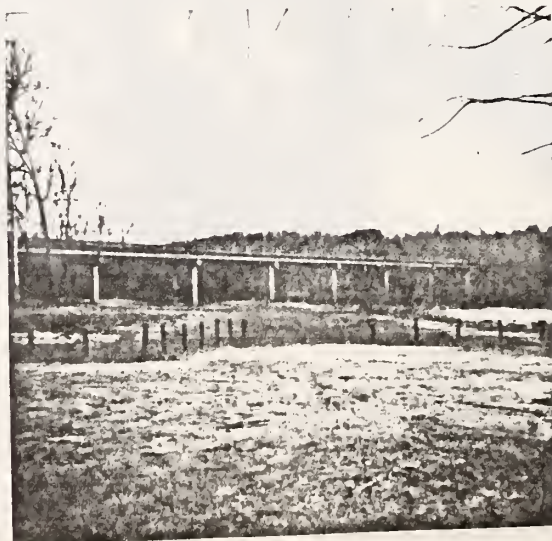


First bridge to span the Vadkin River at Donnaha--1909-1916



YADKIN RIVER AND BRIDGE Donnaha, N. C.

Second Donnaha Bridge--around 1918-1950



Third bridge---built in 1950

Plans Announced for New Yadkin River Bridge, Two Paving Jobs

The contract for the construction of a new bridge over the Yadkin River on N. C. Highway 67, just east of East Bend, will be let August 31.

The State Highway and Public Works Commission announced the letting of the project this morning. It had previously announced that a new bridge was to be built.

Zeb Stewart, Eighth Highway Division engineer, said today that the new bridge will be located slightly downstream from the old one.

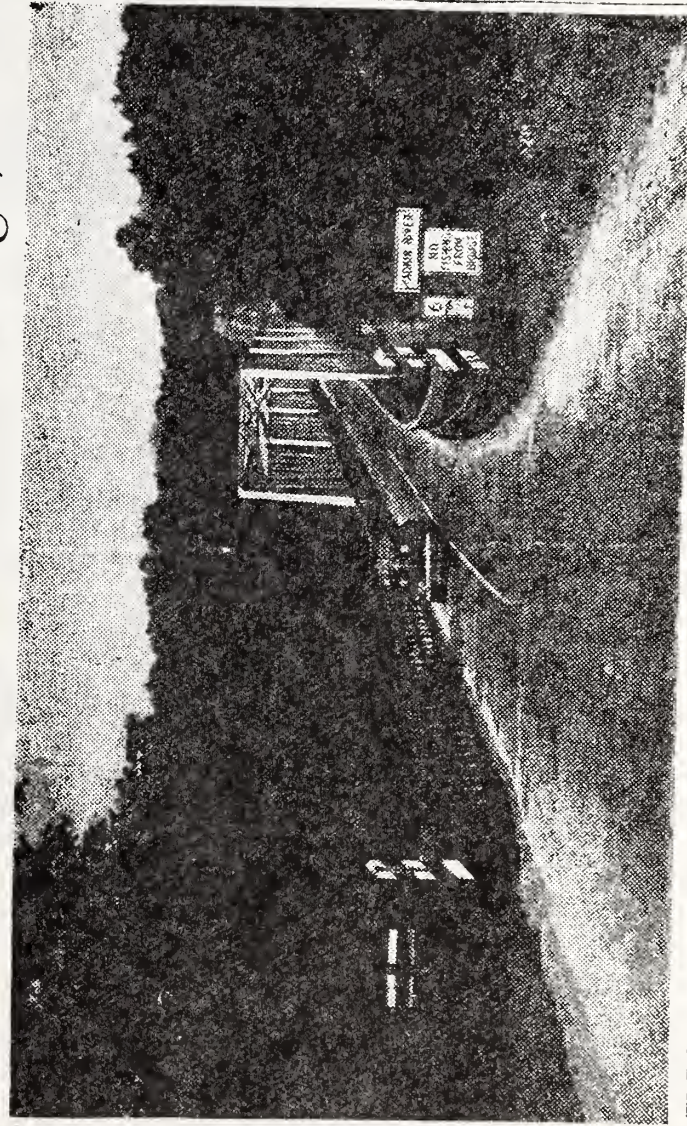
Change of Route

"The Forsyth end will be just below the old one," he said, "the Yadkin end about 200 feet or so below, so that the road on the Yadkin end can go around the hill's there instead of right into them."

A 1.03-mile road project, leading onto the new bridge from each end, also will be let.

About 4,100 feet of this new strip of road will be on the Yadkin side; about 1,500 feet on the Forsyth side.

Mr. Stewart said the bridge



THE YADKIN RIVER BRIDGE on N. C. Highway 67 east of East Bend, long considered dangerous by highway authorities, will give way to a new one, and a new road bed leading into it, in several months.

Staff Photo

and road project was the "first step" in repaving and widening N. C. 67 from its intersection with U. S. 421, just west of Winston-Salem, to Elkin.

Coming Up Soon

He said the letting of the repaving of this to about two miles east of Boonville, a distance of about 3 miles, probably would be done next month.

The highway will be widened to 22 feet, he said. It is 16 to 18 feet now. A new asphalt top will be put on.

Another big repaving job in Forsyth was announced for letting Aug. 29. This one is on U. S. Highway 311, from the city limits of Winston-Salem to Waketown, a distance of about seven miles.

At the same time, the repaving of U. S. 421 in Kernersville will be let.

The repaving of U. S. 311 is to strengthen it for truck traffic, Mr. Stewart said. "It is an original top soil road with ordinary surfacing," he said. "We'll put two to three inches of plant-mix asphalt on it for heavy duty."

WINSTON-SALEM JOURNAL

Ethel H. Martin



Staff Photo by Robert Jones

The Yadkin River came close to freezing over this week — something it's done only twice before in this century.

Floods Remembered

When Yadkin Thawed . . .

By Jesse Poindexter
Staff Reporter

EAST BEND — There are elderly men in this county who believe that if the Yadkin River freezes over solid this winter — as it now appears likely to do — there is going to be one huge flood along the river this summer.

They base their conviction on memories: The river froze over in 1916, and that summer there was a great flood; the river froze over again in 1940, and that summer there was another flood fully as great.

There was no comparable freeze-flood incident between 1916 and 1940 and none since 1940 — until this year.

Ed M. Martin of East Bend, who is in his 80s, is one of those who remembers the hard freezes and floods of 1916 and 1940, and he suspects that a repetition of those conditions lies in store for the Yadkin Valley this year.

Martin, a former postmaster here, was a young man living at Shoals on the Yadkin County side of the river in 1916 — and he remembers. Before 1940, he had moved his family to "town" (East Bend) — but he remembers.

His father, John A. Martin, ran a water-powered grist mill near the river bank at Shoals in 1916, and also had a ferry operation (Will

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Old-Timers Recall When Frozen River Thawed

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Scott was the ferryman) across to the Shoals railroad station on the Surry County side.

Ed Martin recalls that the ferry could not operate because of the freeze on the river, and men carried "dry goods and notions" on their backs across the ice to merchants on the Yadkin side.

One of those men was Clarence Harrell, 81, of East Bend, Rt. 2 (Enon community), who said "Me and Babe Kiger toted" a 100-pound bag of sugar across the ice and delivered it to Ab Davis, then a storekeeper, who is now dead.

"He paid us 50 cents for it," Harrell remembers, "which was good pay in those days."

Charlie Bean of East Bend recalls that, during

the hard freeze of 1916, he was persuaded by the Martins to attempt to chop a path in the ice through which a small boat could be poled across to the station and back.

Bean said he and some other men, whose names he does not remember, undertook the task but were not successful. "Just about as fast as we chopped through the ice and got it out," he said, "the river froze again behind us."

That summer, the river flooded and washed away John A. Martin's barn and livestock, and the ferry house in which Will Scott waited for people who wanted to cross the river.

Harrell, who carried the bag of sugar for Davis, lived on a hill above the station on the Surry side, and he recalls the flood that summer as vividly as he remembers the river freeze.

earlier in the year.

From his vantage point across the river, Harrell "saw John Martin's barn and livestock go," and the ferry house, as well. "Two mules out of four managed to swim out," he said, "but the other two and the cows went down."

Hubert Evans of Jonesville, a magistrate in Yadkin County, recalls the 1916 freeze, and the flood that followed it, as well as the 1940 freeze, and the flood that followed it. He thinks that we're due for a flood.

Evans said the ice on the river at Jonesville and Elkin was so thick in 1916 that Andrew Greenwood of Elkin, an automobile dealer and well-to-do businessmen there, drove his car onto

the ice at Elkin and had his picture taken.

According to Evans, that photograph hung for many years in Bill Whitaker's grocery store at Elkin, "right over the counter where you could eat sardines and potted ham, if you wanted to. I don't know what happened to it."

Evans remembers both freezes and both floods that caused so much destruction in the area. "The water got higher at Elkin in 1940 than it did in 1916," he said.

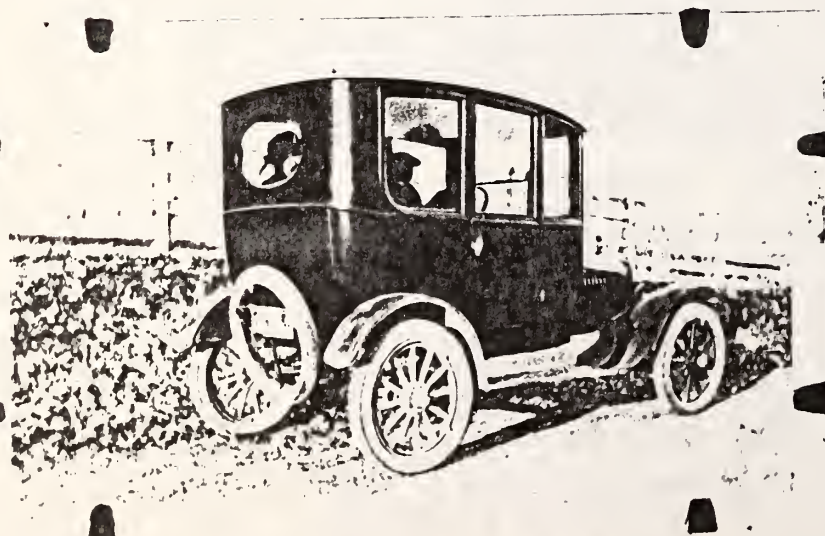
And, he believes that the same thing is going to happen this year. "The only thing that might save us is the Kerr Scott Dam," Evans said. "It wasn't there in 1916 and 1940, and it will take a lot of water off of us down-river."

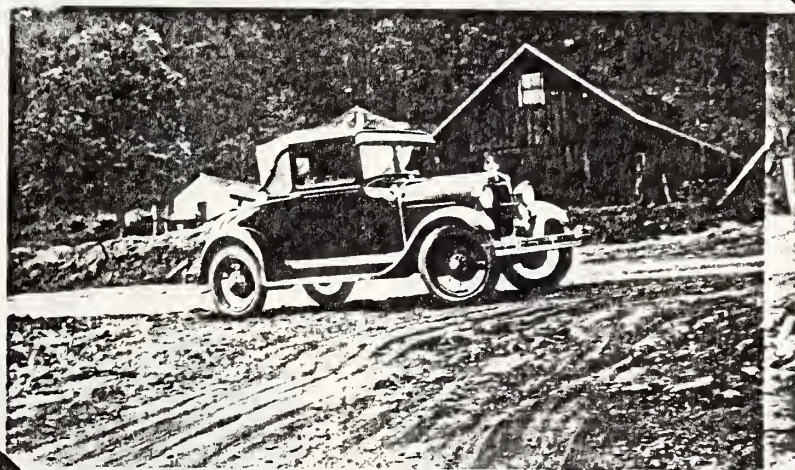
EARLY AUTOMOBILES

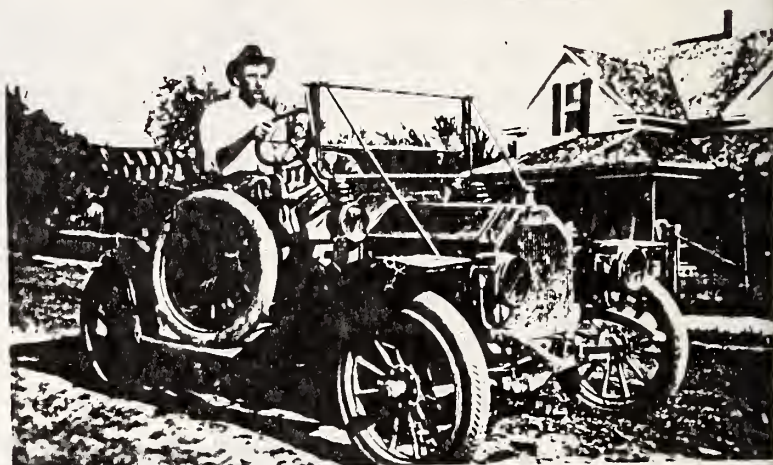
The coming of the automobile began to bring change to the lives of the people of East Bend. In 1900, most people had traveled less than 200 miles from home. The sight of an automobile was both exciting and frightening. A state law of 1909 read in part: "Upon approaching a horse or horses or other draft animals, being ridden, led, or driven thereon, a person operating a motor vehicle shall slow down to a speed not exceeding eight miles an hour and give reasonable warning of its approach... When requested, or on a signal from a person riding, leading or driving a horse or horses, the operator of the motor vehicle shall guide it to the right of the traveled portion of the highway and immediately bring such motor vehicle to a stop." (Rutledge-History of Yadkin County). Among the first East Bend citizens to own cars were: Dr. J. H. Martin, Mr. Virge Martin, Dr. Wharton Green Leak, and Dr. Rosebud Morse.

A familiar early car was the T model Ford. Until 1915, anyone who wanted a top and a windshield on a car had to buy them separately. A 1923 T model touring car had a four cylinder motor with a crank and gears and brakes in the floor.

An East Bend merchant, Mr. J. Lee Norman owned a 1925 Ford ton truck that had single back wheels, a wooden bed, a crank, and held ten gallons of gas. John Choplin was hired by Mr. Norman to drive the truck to haul fertilizer from Donnahaha, take farmers' tobacco to market and bring back supplies for his store. A trip to Winston would take two hours if Mr. Choplin made good time.







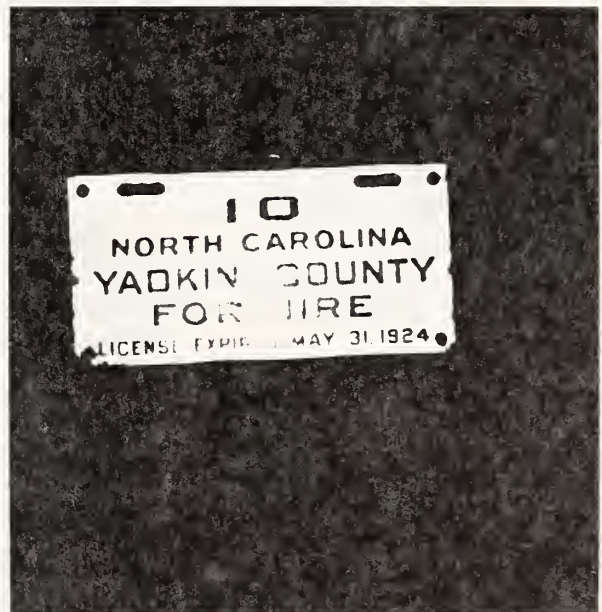
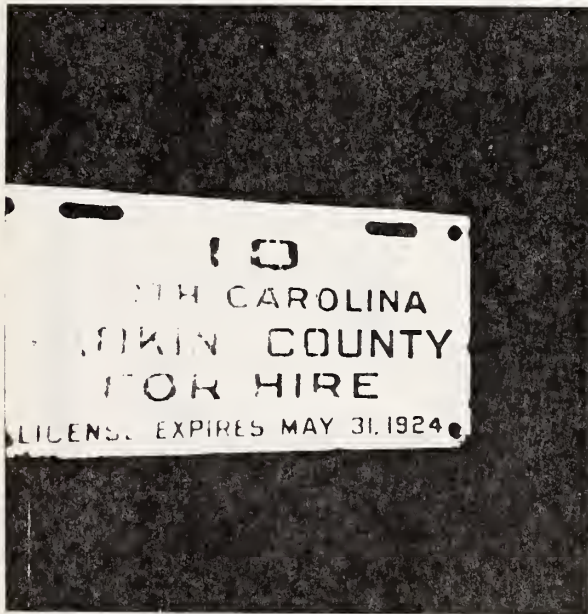
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JITNEYS

Webster defines jitney as an automotive vehicle which carries passengers for a small fee. Two East Bend citizens owned and operated jitneys in the early 1900's. Mr. R. E. Burchette's jitney which began operation around 1918, has been described as long and black, like a limousine. He may have owned two vehicles which went by Enon to Winston-Salem. Tom Martin was one of his drivers. It has been said that Greyhound Bus Line had to buy Mr. Burchette's franchise before it could run through East Bend.

Mr. T. D. Smitherman also operated a jitney service in the 1920's. His vehicles were an Oakland and a Studebaker with fold-out seats that could carry seven passengers. His drivers were Edward Bran and Tom Martin. His route went to Boonville and Winston-Salem. This service was discontinued in 1924.



License plate from Mr. T.D. Smitherman's jitney

TOWN OF EAST BEND
MARCH 7, 1987



EAST BEND,
NORTH CAROLINA

COLORS: RED AND WHITE

MOTTO: "East Bend -- Rich in History"

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION SERVICE

TOWN OF EAST BEND

March 7, 1987
2:30 p.m.

East Bend School Auditorium

Music begins at 2:00 p.m. by the Forbush High School Jazz Band.

Music	Forbush High School Band
Pledge of Allegiance	Mr. Bill Hardy
The National Anthem	Mrs. Ann Neill
Invocation	Mr. Mike Crouse
Welcome	Mayor Larry Adams
Introduction of Special Guest	Mayor Larry Adams
Recognition of Flag Contest Winner	Mr. Kelly Speer
Special Guest Speaker	Mr. Marvin Ward
Music	Forbush High School Chorus
Recognition of Essay Contest Winner	
and Introduction of Speakers	Mr. Kenneth Matthews
"What Living in East Bend Means to Me"	
First Place Winner:	Miss Carla Conrad
Second Place Winner:	Miss Heather Murphy
Special Guest Speaker	Mr. George Holmes
Recognition of Centennial Committee Members and Designer of Seal	Ms. Judy Painter
Special Guest Speaker	Mr. Grady Hunter
Announcements	Mr. Alton Johnson
Happy Birthday East Bend	Forbush High School Chorus
Display of Pictures and Artifacts in Main Hallway.	
Refreshments in Lunchroom.	

HISTORY

"East Bend," a town that is rich in history, was known as Banner's Store, for a merchant named Martin Banner. It is not known exactly when the name was changed to East Bend, but it is believed to have been around the mid-1800's.

The name *East Bend* is derived from the close proximity to the east bend of the Yadkin River. On March 7, 1887, by act of the General Assembly, the town of East Bend was incorporated.

Many places of business and industries have come and gone, and the town was known as a thriving community at the turn of the century.

During the year of 1987, we plan as a Centennial Committee to bring before the people in the area some of the history of the industries, schools, and other important places in the town.

SEAL

The seal was designed by Miss Susanne Adams at the request of the Board of Commissioners. We are very proud of the fine job that she has done.

FLAG

The flag was designed by a fourth grader at East Bend Elementary School. The winner of the contest was Miss Debra Garris. We want to thank each of the fourth graders in Mrs. Wooten's class for the good work they did.

Also, we want to thank the Home Extension Club for making our flag and giving it to the town.

ESSAY CONTEST

The eighth grade class at East Bend School was asked to write essays on "What Living in East Bend Means to Me." The winner was Carla Conrad.

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEES

Executive Committee Members:

Mayor:	Larry W. Adams
Commissioners:	Bill Hardy Francis Hutchens Alton "Bud" Johnson Kenneth Matthews Kelly Speer
Coordinator:	Judy Painter

Steering Committee:

Chairman:	Joe C. Matthews
History Committee Chairman:	David Matthews

Publicity Committee Chairman:	Tom Perkins
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Committee Members:

Carolyn Smitherman
Margaret Pickett
Louise Poindexter
Donna Love
Charm Brewer
Judy Adams
Susan Johnson
Mary Sue Barrier
Mike Crouse
Debbie Speer
Guy V. Smitherman

We want to thank everyone who has had a part in helping us get the history, pictures, and artifacts together. We also want to thank the Library staff for the use of the conference room as a work area. Librarian — Earlene Speas. Flowers compliments of Wagoner's Florist. Photography by Ted Tilley.

East Bend Ready ^{March 4,} For Centennial Event ¹⁹⁸⁷

EAST BEND—Everyone is invited to attend the town's centennial celebration service to be held here Saturday in the school auditorium.

The event will begin with music by the Forbush High School Jazz Band at 2 p.m., 30 minutes before the service itself.

At 2:30, Bill Hardy will lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Ann Neill will sing the National Anthem. Following the invocation by Mike Crouse, Mayor Larry Adams will welcome those present and introduce special guests.

Kelly Speer will recognize the winner of the contest held among fourth graders at East Bend School to design a town flag. The winner was Debra Garris, daughter of Larry and Cheryl Garris.

After remarks by the first special guest speaker, Marvin Ward, there will be music by the Forbush High School Chorus.

Then Kenneth Matthews will recognize the winner of the essay contest for eighth grade students at East Bend School on the topic "What Living in East Bend Means to Me." The winner was Carla Conrad, daughter of Charles and

Cathy Conrad. Heather Murphy was second-place winner.

George Holmes will be the second special guest speaker. Following his address, Judy Painter, head of the town's centennial celebration committee, will recognize the committee members and the designers of the town seal and flag, Susanne Adams and Debra Garris, respectively.

Grady Hunter will be the third special guest speaker, and after announcements by Alton Johnson, the Forbush High School Chorus will sing "Happy Birthday" to East Bend.

Refreshments will be served in the school lunchroom, and pictures and artifacts will be displayed in the main hallway.

This community, named for its proximity to a bend in the Yadkin River, was incorporated by the N.C. General Assembly on March 7, 1887.

The town board has proclaimed 1987 to be a year of celebration for the community, and other commemorative events will be held later.

East Bend Club To Make Flag

The East Bend Extension Homemakers met February 12th at the Fire Station with 21 members and one guest. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Louise Poindexter gave the devotions. Leader Reports were given by Donna Love, Edith Kendrick, Louise Poindexter, Thelma Myers, Helen Fortune, and Maude Davis.

The program, given by Doretha White, Louise Poindexter, and LaVerne Brown was on making dipped candy. The members were soon involved in making Bon Bons of different colors and chocolate-dipped peanut butter candies, along with coated pretzels.

The club agreed to make the flag for East Bend for the upcoming celebration of East Bend's Centennial as an incorporated town. The celebration will take place March 7th at East Bend School.

The Northwest District meeting will be March 30th at the Elk Lodge. Registration is due in by March 4th. There will be a County Council meeting March 25th. The club planned for the birthday party for



EAST BEND FLAG designer Deborah Garris, daughter of Larry and Cheryl Garris, stands between Thelma Myers (L) and Elsie Davis, vice-president and president, respectively, of the E.B.E.H. Club.

East Bend Sets Centennial Observance

The Town of East Bend has scheduled the official observance of its centennial for Saturday, March 7, in the East Bend School auditorium with special speakers, music and announcements.

As part of the 100th anniversary observance, Marvin Ward, a native of East Bend who had a career as an educator and is now a State Representative in the General Assembly, will speak. Others on the program will be Representative George Holmes and Grady Hunter, Chairman of the County Commissioners.

Music will be furnished by the Forbush High School Chorus and Forbush High School Band. The band will start playing at 2:00 pm.

Refreshments will be served in the school cafeteria.

Judy Painter, town clerk, said history reports, pictures and artifacts are being gathered and these will be displayed in the hallway.

The program on March 7 will be followed this summer by an enlarged celebration, featuring a parade and homecoming dinner, with more artifacts and records of the town's one hundred years.



CENTENNIAL CONTRIBUTORS--Carla Conrad (L), eighth grader at East Bend School, won the essay contest on the theme 'What Living in East Bend Means to Me' in conjunction with the town's centennial celebration held March 7 in the school auditorium. She is the daughter of Charles and Cathy Conrad. Susanne Adams, a senior at Forbush High School and the daughter of Jack and Anne Adams, was asked to design a town seal for the occasion. (Photo by Dave Roberts)

*We want to extend to you a special invitation to
the 100th Birthday Party for the Town of East Bend.*

Centennial Celebration Service

Town of East Bend

March 7, 1987

2:30 p.m.

East Bend School Auditorium

Display of Pictures and Artifacts:

Refreshments

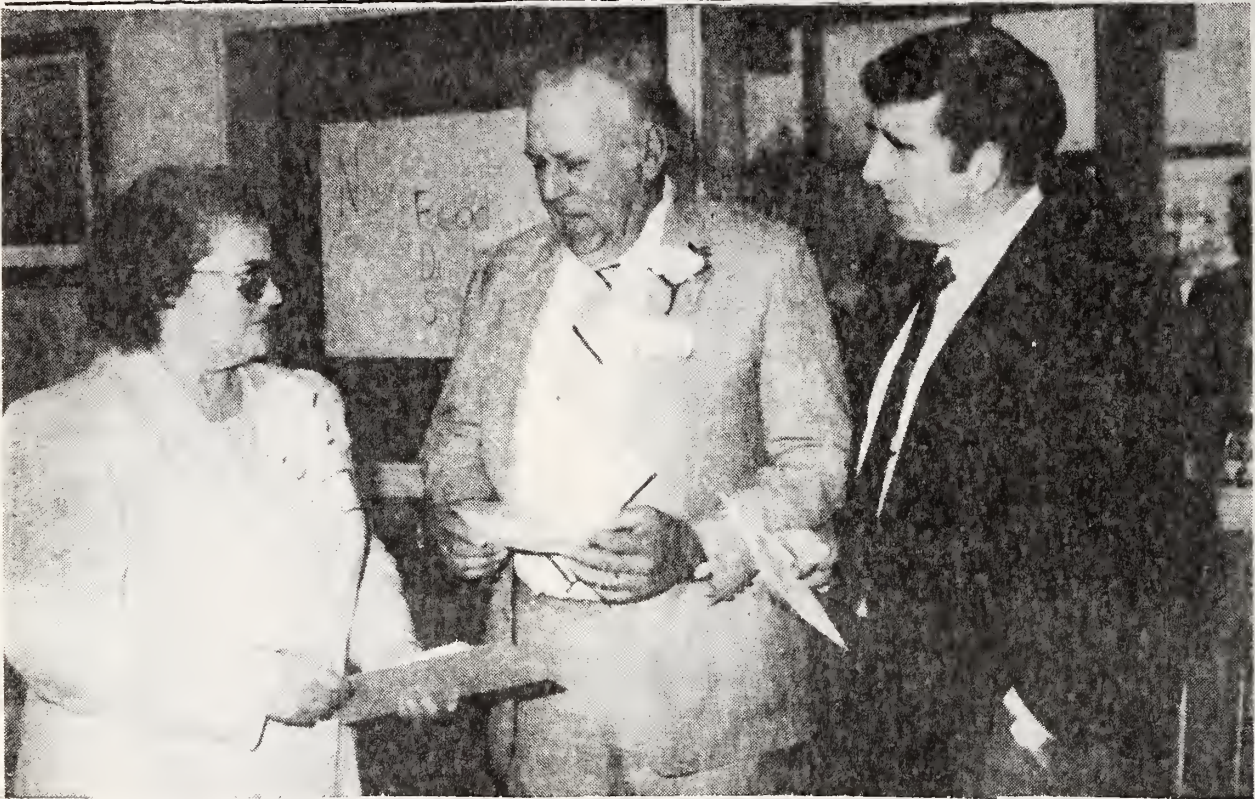
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East Bend Celebrates Anniversary

A spring-like day cooperated beautifully Saturday with the 100th anniversary celebration of the Town of East Bend, and hundreds of people turned out to enjoy the event at East Bend Elementary School. In top photograph, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Matthews view one of the many displays of photos and articles depicting early days in East Bend. Andy is employed by Mutual Federal Savings and Loan in

photo, Mayor Larry Adams, left, greets Yadkin Representative George Holmes and Forsyth Senator Marvin Ward, a retired school superintendent who is an East Bend native. Both made speeches in the school auditorium. In the background, is the East Bend flag designed by Debra Garriss, elementary student, and made by Donna Love, Thelma Myers, and Elsie Davis for the occasion. (More



AN ENJOYABLE DAY FOR ALL-at East Bend's celebration hundreds of visitors inspected the many old photographs, newspaper clippings, and artifacts on display, heard speaker Marvin Ward describe life in the early days of the town, and listened as Rep. George Holmes described how the town produced such leaders as Ernie Shore, Register of Deeds J. T. Smitherman and Senator Marvin Ward. In left photograph, Judy Painter,



town clerk and chairman for the celebration, talks with Grady Hunter, Chairman of the County Commissioners, and Charles Mashburn, the new County Manager. In right photo, members of the Show Choir of Forbush High

School, under the direction of Libby Brown, entertain during the program in the school auditorium.



OUR HOPES AND
DREAMS FOR FUTURE
GROWTH.....
GROUND BREAKING
AUGUST 25TH, 1987
EAST BEND INDUSTRIAL
PARK

Larry Adams, Mayor
(with shovel)
Joe Hennings, Property
owner



Larry Adams, Mayor



From left to right
Kelly Speer, Francis
Hutchens, Larry Adams
Joe Hennings and Alton
"Bud" Johnson



Left to right
Grady Hunter,
Billy Williams
Frank Zachary
Francis Hutchens
Mike Crouse
Kelly Speer
Larry Adams
Alton Johnson

Town and County
Officials.....



Citizens representing
organizations and
our Senior Adults

Francis Hutchens
Mrs. Latt Hennings
Tom Perkins
Elsie Davis



From left to right
Judy Painter,
Town Clerk
Larry Adams, Mayor
Larry Garris, Water
Supervisor



From left to right
 Kelly Speer
 Jim Graham, Attorney
 Francis Hutchens
 Ben Harding Attorney
 Larry Adams
 Joe Hennings



Norman Wallace
 will be the first
 business in the
 park.



County Commissioners
 Frank Zachary
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